INQUIRY INTO REGISTERED NURSES IN NEW SOUTH WALES NURSING HOMES

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I have already provided my reflections as the daughter of a resident and the impact of the omissions of care had on my father and his children. What I should have added was how avoidable this was. Had there been more registered nurses within the facilities where my father was a resident, I firmly believe his care and therefore his quality of life would have been vastly improved. The overwhelming factor was the lack of clinical governance within these facilities. Tasks are the allocated without any education or review. This is the direct result of the reduction of RNs. Aged care is already a race to the bottom and poor care is a far greater issue than the community is aware of. The abolition of the requirement for registered nurses is unimaginable and presents a unacceptable risk to the safe care of our frail and elderly. The generation who contributed so much to the generations after them deserve safe and skilled care