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**INQUIRY INTO REGISTERED NURSES IN NEW SOUTH  
WALES NURSING HOMES**

**Name:** Name suppressed

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Partially Confidential

As a Nurse Unit Manager/Registered Nurse in a Aged Care Facility of 90 residents I have grave fears for the Aged (and Young) Residents of the facility if at least 1 Registered Nurse is not on duty 24/7. I have 2 short hour RNs on duty during my 8 hr shift in the evening. In one of many instances recently a 59 year old who was on palliative care became respiratory distressed and I was able to comfort and support her, her family I had called in and assist the RN looking after her with clinical procedures only RNs can perform to assist her to die in comfort and with dignity without being sent off to the bright sterile conditions of a hospital as well as clogging the hospital system which is overcrowded at the best of times. We are also caring for a 35 year old "Huntingtons Disease" (a terminal disease) resident who is settled with the care of the staff in the facility and would be very distress if sent to hospital by Care staff because of e.g. a head injury due to his disease instead of cared for by a RN with knowledge how to treat this injury in his settled environment. Please consider these vulnerable people all over the state when you make your discision. How would you like your loved one or self be treated.