



Topic guide: Care Home Staff

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Date:

Care Home ID

Participant ID

Age	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Length of time working in care home ____ months Total time working in care homes? _____	Full time/part-time (hours)
Qualifications (NVQ)	Job Title
Have you had any training in: Dementia care End of Life care	Details:
Other Health Services	

How much contact do you have with outside health professionals?

	Reason/type of care	On req.	Once a week	Every two weeks	Once a month	Never	In-house trained
GP							
GP out of hours service							
District Nurse							
Nurse specialists:							
Mental health:							
CMHN							
Admiral nurse ()							
Palliative care:							
Macmillan							
Hospice							
Marie Curie							
Continence Nurse							
Stoma nurse							
Dietician							
Chiropodist							
Hairdresser							
Dentist							

Optician							
Occupational Therapist							
Physiotherapist							
SALT							
Social worker Care manager							
Counsellor							
Any others not mentioned?							

- How much are they involved in supporting older people with dementia at the end of their life?
- Who do you feel is responsible for providing care to an older person with dementia at the end of life?
 - Who decides when someone is dying
 - What stage does this occur?
 - How are GPs involved?)

Dementia and end of life

- How do you know when someone with dementia is dying?
- Tell me about someone with dementia who had a good death?
- Tell me about someone who died here where you felt it could have been better?
- What is the ideal team structure for caring for someone with dementia at the end of life? (in-house staff and outside agencies)
- What constrains you from providing the care you would like to give?
- How many deaths occurred in the care home in the last 6 months? Last year? Of these

how many did you consider had dementia

End of Life Planning

- Tell me a little more about what you define as end of life care for people with dementia?

Probe:

- Are you aware of any end of life care planning procedures in place in your care home?
- Explore each in turn probing for how used within the care home, for whom and when.
- Advance Care Planning
- The Gold Standard Framework? (the seven Cs)
- The Liverpool Care Pathway?
- Preferred Place/Priorities of Care (PPC)?
- Do you have any religious/spiritual services offered here in the home?

Care Home and End of Life

- How do you feel your care home supports residents with dementia and the care they require at the end of life?

Probe:

- Are things planned in advance?
- Are things dealt with as and when they arise?
- What do you think works well?
- What do you think could be improved?
- What do you find particularly challenging when caring for someone with dementia who is thought to be dying?

What do you think are the most important aspects of care when supporting an older person with dementia who is dying in a care home?

Is there anything else you would like to say about caring for someone with dementia

towards the end of their life?