

RESIDENTIAL DEMENTIA

CARE CHECKLIST

Home 1	£ p/w
Home 2	£ p/w
Home 3	£ p/w

Things to look for in care homes specialising in dementia.

Residents

The best indication of a good home is that the residents appear happy and responsive.

Are there rummage boxes around the home to stimulate residents?

- 1
- 2
- 3

Access

If the person with dementia needs or is likely to need equipment or adaptations you may want to check:

There is adequate signage and cues for different parts of the home such as dining room and bathroom.

- 1
- 2
- 3

The home's policy about locking external doors.

- 1
- 2
- 3

Bedrooms

You may want to find out whether the person with dementia can have a single room and whether:

Residents are encouraged to bring in some of their own furniture and possessions to increase familiarity.

- 1
- 2
- 3

Activities

Residents should be stimulated without feeling stressed.

Are reminiscence activities available?

- 1
- 2
- 3

Are residents able to compile memory boxes?

- 1
- 2
- 3

Do staff compile life story books including photographs and mementoes?

- 1
- 2
- 3

Staff

It is important to note whether staff seem friendly and caring towards residents and whether they treat residents with respect.

Do they have any training and experience in dementia care?

- 1
- 2
- 3

Will the person with dementia have a member of staff particularly responsible for their care?

- 1
- 2
- 3

Is there a member of staff you can talk to about your own worries about the person with dementia?

- 1
- 2
- 3

Manager / Head of home

A manager who is caring as well as efficient can make all the difference to a home.

Does the manager have a knowledge of dementia and can they deal with difficulties that may arise in an understanding way?

- 1
- 2
- 3

Is there a full assessment at home before a resident is admitted?

- 1
- 2
- 3