

Home 1

Home 2

Home 3

Fees per week	Quality rating*
£	
£	
£	

We suggest that you take paper with you when visiting care homes so that you can make notes. Please use this checklist in conjunction with the care homes checklist which can be found at www.carechoices.co.uk/checklists

Design

- Are there clear signs throughout the home?
- Has the home been designed or adapted for people with dementia?
- Are the home and grounds secure?
- Are there prompts outside the residents' rooms to help people identify their own?
- Is the décor familiar to your loved one?

Choices

- Do residents get choice in terms of what they wear each day?
- Are residents encouraged to be independent?
- Can residents decide what to do each day?
- Can residents have a say in the décor of their room?

Activities

- Are residents able to join in with household tasks like folding washing?
- Are there activities on each day?
- Can residents walk around outside on their own?
- Are residents sitting in front of the TV or are they active and engaged?
- Are there rummage boxes around?

Health

- Can residents get help with eating and drinking?
- How often does the home review residents' medication?
- Does the home offer help if a resident needs assistance taking medication?
- Do GPs visit the home regularly?

Staff

- Are staff trained to identify when a resident might be unwell?
- Are staff trained to spot when someone needs to go to the toilet?
- Do the staff have any dementia specific training/experience?
- Will your loved one have a member of staff specifically responsible for their care?

Approach to care

- Does the home follow a specific approach to dementia therapy, for example, validation therapy?
- Will the home keep you informed about changes to your loved one's care?
- Does the home have a specific approach to end of life care?
- Does the home keep up to date with best practice in dementia care?

*Visit www.carechoices.co.uk/important-information for more details.