



Anticipatory Care Planning in Care Homes – talking with residents

Anticipatory care planning is about thinking and planning ahead so that we can give each person the best possible care. If your health changes, it is better if we have a good plan for you.

READY Can we talk about why planning ahead helps people get better care?

Making a plan helps people who live in a care home, like you, think about their care and what is important to them. You may have talked with your family or a close friend about this before.

It is a good idea to talk about what might happen if you get unwell. This could be from a health problem or illness you have already. It might be a new illness. Some residents may get unwell with coronavirus or another infection. We can make plans, and talk with your family too.

EXPECT It would help to hear what you know about your health, and think might happen.

People have different things they want to talk about. Please ask us about anything you want to know or are worried about. We can make a plan with you now, if you are ready.

DIAGNOSIS There are things we know, and things we are not sure about.

People who live in care homes are often in poorer health and need help with day to day living. We are doing our best to help you stay well, but it is possible you may get unwell at some point. Some treatments may not work for you, or you might not want them.

That's why it is important for us to talk about making a future care plan with you.

MATTERS Knowing what's important to you, helps us care for you better.

We put what you tell us in your care plan so we know how you would like to be cared for.

ACTION Let's talk about what we can do to care for you, and things that will not help.

Let's start with your health problems and make plans for what might happen. There are also some situations it is good to plan ahead for like a sudden illness or an infection.

Many people feel that staying in their familiar care home to be looked after is the best place when they are very ill and may be dying. Being comfortable is what matters to them. We have medicines in the care home to help us manage any symptoms or discomfort, if we need them.

Hospital treatment may be better in a few conditions, like a hip fracture. Going to hospital has risks and benefits. Can we talk about that, and what would be the best place to care for you? Antibiotic tablets or syrup, other medicines, and oxygen can be given in the home, if needed.

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is a medical treatment that does not work when a person is in poor health or dying, but any other treatments that can help are given.

a) You already have a decision recorded about CPR not working/not being used for you.

b) There is no CPR decision recorded so the GP/nurse will review this and discuss it with you.

PLAN Let's make a future Care Plan for you.

We have your plan in the home in case we need it. The plan also goes into your GP record and a secure record used by professionals if people need urgent care called a Key Information Summary (KIS). Your plan can be changed at any time.

There are some situations we can think about and discuss together. If you have any questions please ask. You can talk to care home staff, and the staff from the GP practice too.