

Dementia care homes checklist

Weekly fees:

Improving People's Lives

Home choices:

Option 1								
Option 2								
Option 3								
Things to think about when visiting	g an	d c	hoo	sin	g a care home for someone living with d	eme	entia	a:
Design	1	2	3		Health	1	2	3
Are there clear signs throughout the home?					Can residents get help with eating and drinking?			
Has the home been designed or adapted for people with dementia?					How often does the home review residents' medication?			
Are the home and grounds secure?					Does the home offer help if a residents needs assistance taking medication?			
Are there prompts outside the residents' rooms to help people identify their own?					Do GPs visit the home regularly?			
Is the décor familiar to your loved one?					Staff			
Choices					Are staff trained to identify when a resident might be unwell?			
Do residents get choice in terms of what they wear each day?					Are staff trained to spot when someone needs to go to the toilet?			
Are residents encouraged to be independent?					Do the staff have any Dementia specific training/experience?			
Can residents decide what to do each day?					Will your loved one have a member of staff specifically responsible for their care?			
Can residents have a say in the décor of their room?					Approach to care			
Activities					Does the home follow a specific approach to dementia therapy, for example, validation therapy?			
Are the residents able to join in with household tasks like folding washing?					Will the home keep you informed about changes to your loved one's care?			
Are there activities on each day?					Does the home have a specific approach to end-of-life care?			
Can residents walk around outside on their own?					Does the home keep up to date with best practice in dementia care?			
Are residents sitting in front of the TV or are they active and engaged?						,		
Are there rummage boxes around?								