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Care Home Function

Part of
Mental Health Services for Older People



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Our values
Welcoming Kind Positive Respectful Professional

Aims of the Care Home Function:

- To equip care/nursing home staff to be able to support people living with dementia to remain living in the care/nursing home.
- Prevent hospital admissions when appropriate and safe to do so.
- Help facilitate early discharge of people with dementia, from mental health in-patient care and support care/nursing homes to manage the transition period.
- Deliver care, advice and guidance for people living with dementia residing in the care home environment.
- To help identify meaningful occupation for residents living with dementia, and enable their families and carers to maintain and facilitate their ongoing participation.
- Improve the knowledge and confidence of the care home staff to use non-pharmacological and pharmacological interventions with residents. This includes desired and side effects of medications that may impact upon a person's health.
- To provide complex information and training in a meaningful way to care home staff, residents and their families.
- To facilitate and support care home staff to manage the transitions of specific short term treatment such as medication changes or behavioural support plans.
- To liaise with and work in conjunction with GPs, families and other people involved in that person's care to provide joined up services for care homes.

We are available for informal telephone advice and can recommend the appropriate pathway to follow.

We work within the mental health services for older people so we can flex between our services according to the need.

Overview of the Care Home Function service:

The Care Home function staff are embedded into the broader Mental Health Services for Older People community teams. We offer specialist knowledge and expertise around the presentations associated with Dementia specifically for care homes.

The care home function's approach is to enable care home staff to feel more confident and equipped to manage complex situations associated with dementia. This may be by providing specialist intervention, assessments and advice or guidance around a specific person, or by providing general support to the care homes.

We will support care home staff to provide non-pharmacological and pharmacological approaches to managing symptoms of dementia by informal training, advice and modelling.

HPFT Care Home Function Contact Details

Telephone or email the team for informal advice

Email Address: enherts.smhtop@nhs.net

Or telephone:

East Herts (East Herts, Welwyn, Hatfield and Broxbourne) – 01707 364003

North Herts (North Herts and Stevenage) – 01438 792190

North West (Dacorum and St Albans) – 01442 275628

South West (Hertsmere, Watford and Three Rivers) – 01923837148

Referral via Single Point of Access – 0800 6444 101

Opening Hours:

09.00 – 17.00 - Monday to Friday

Staff:

- Occupational Therapists
- Assistant Psychologists
- Community Mental Health Nurses
- Assistant Therapy Practitioners

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