

HEALTH CARE

Standard 8

This policy is intended to set out the values, principles and policies underpinning this home's approach to the health care that it offers to its service users.

It is policy at this home that health care provided to service users at the home is flexible, consistent, reliable and responsive to their changing needs and is based upon the development of service user plans.

1. Care staff should maintain the personal and oral hygiene of each service user, either by giving the required assistance or by supporting their own capacity for care.
2. Service users will be assessed to identify those service users who have developed, or are at risk of developing pressure sores and appropriate interventions will be recorded in individual care plans.
3. The incidence of pressure sores, their treatment and outcome, will be recorded in a service user's individual plan of care and reviewed on a regular basis.
4. Professional advice concerning the promotion of continence will be sought and acted upon and any aids or equipment needed will be provided.
5. Service user's psychological health will be monitored regularly and any preventative or restorative care should be provided.
6. Opportunities will be given to every service user for appropriate exercise and physical activity and this will be advised by a qualified expert wherever possible.
7. Appropriate interventions will be carried out for service users identified as at risk of falling.
8. Nutritional screening will be undertaken on admission and subsequently on a periodic basis, a record maintained of nutrition, including weight gain or loss, and appropriate action will be taken.
9. All service users must be registered with a local GP.
10. All service users should have access to a dentist. The home will support whatever treatment is recommended by a dentist.
11. We will ensure that service users have access to appropriate hearing tests, sight tests, specialist medical/nursing/dental/pharmaceutical/chiropractic and other relevant therapeutic services., care from hospitals and community health services.
12. We will ensure that service users entitlements to NHS services are upheld in accordance with guidance and legislation by providing information about entitlements and ensuring access to advice and services.
13. Equipment necessary for the promotion of tissue viability and for the prevention or treatment of pressure sores will be provided.

Signed

Date