Learning outcomes

- Staff are aware of how residents feel when they are not treated with dignity and respect
- Staff know what constitutes best practice when providing services with dignity and respect and ensure they employ these practices
- Staff understand the reasons why unacceptable staff attitudes and practices must be replaced where they exist
Definitions of dignity

- Putting the person receiving care at the centre of things
- Asking what their specific wants and needs are
- Giving information
- Being addressed in an appropriate manner
- Being patient
- Not patronising the person receiving care
- Helping people feel they are in a safe environment
- Making sure people are not left in pain
- Ensuring people do not feel isolated or alone
- Giving people privacy
- Encouraging people to help themselves as much as possible
- Taking into account people’s cultural and religious needs, not discriminating against them
- Treating people with respect
- Listening to people
- Responding to the person as soon as requested
- Maintaining confidentiality at all times
If we REALLY want to know what people want

ASK them for THEIR opinions - & LISTEN!

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Legislation

- Human Rights Act 1998
- Anti-discrimination legislation
- Mental Capacity Act 2005
- Mental Health Act 2007
- Other relevant legislation
Barriers to providing dignified care

1. Environment
2. Staff attitudes and behaviour
3. Culture of care
4. Specific care activities
Why change?

- Human rights and other discriminatory legislation
- National minimum standards and regulations
- Regulatory inspections
- Contract terms
- Others waiting to whistle blow on you
- It could cost you your job
Change must start somewhere

Real Change!

It must begin with ME!

START HERE

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Empathy

If you were a resident in a care home, what would the care assistant do or say to make you feel you were receiving a dignified service.

Use words, phrases or sentences to describe the service.
Best practice

- Communication
- Respect
- Privacy
- Autonomy
- Social inclusion
- Diversity and equality
- Pain control
- Eating and nutrition
- Personal hygiene
- Personal care
- Abuse
- Whistle blowing
- End of life care
Specific care needs

- Older people
- Physically disabled people
- People with specific health needs eg, cancer
- People with mental health problems eg, dementia
- People with learning difficulties
- Young, physically disabled people
- People from minority ethnic groups
Why change?

- Poor monitoring results
- Lack of awareness during training
- Dignity Challenge
- Changes to the contract
- Raised resident expectation
- Resident complaints
- Raised profile in media
- Bad publicity
Changes required

- Changes to the care provided
- Organisational change
- Improvements in staff attitudes
- Structural changes
- Changes to commissioning practices
Implementing change

- Understand the reasons for change
- Be responsive
- Bring ideas to the table
- Give assistance to the process
- Be proactive
- Examine your own values
Our resource

It’s US, & our job is to LEAD CHANGE!

We’re right behind you!

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Policies

- Confidentiality
- Whistle blowing
- Communication
- Equality and diversity
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Dignity isn't all about hi-tech systems & processes.

I’ve had a nice bath, my hair done & a nice new nighty - it’s not rocket science.

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