

NICE quality standard for supporting people to live well with dementia: information for the public

The NICE quality standard for supporting people to live well with dementia sets out how high-quality social care services should be organised and what high-quality social care should include, so that the best support can be offered to people with dementia using social care services in England.

The quality standard for supporting people to live well with dementia is made up of 10 statements that describe high-quality care for people with dementia. These statements are summarised below.

1. People worried about possible dementia in themselves or someone they know can discuss their concerns, and what having dementia confirmed might mean, with someone with knowledge and expertise.
2. People with dementia are involved in making choices and decisions about their care and support.
3. People with dementia take part in a review of their needs and preferences when their circumstances change.
4. People with dementia can choose to take part in leisure activities, during their day, which match their interests.
5. People with dementia can continue to meet their friends and family and can make new relationships.
6. People with dementia can have routine check-ups of their physical and mental health and can see healthcare professionals when they have concerns.

7. People with dementia live in housing that is adapted to help them maintain their independence.

8. People with dementia are given the opportunity to be involved in and influence the design, planning, evaluation and delivery of services.

9. People with dementia can have help from independent advocacy services to present their views.

10. People with dementia can continue to be involved in and contribute to their community.

Information from NICE about dementia

The full quality standard for supporting people to live well with dementia, written for commissioners, social care practitioners, providers of social care, people with dementia and carers, is available from <http://guidance.nice.org.uk/QS30>.

NICE has produced guidance on the identification and treatment of dementia and support for carers, available from <http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG42>. The guidance was used to develop this quality standard along with guidance from the Social Care Institute for Excellence (www.scie.org.uk).

Information for the public on the NICE guidance on the identification and treatment of dementia and support for carers is available from <http://publications.nice.org.uk/dementia-supporting-people-with-dementia-and-their-carers-ifp42>.

NICE has also produced a quality standard on the care provided by health and social care staff in direct contact with people with dementia in hospital, community, home-based, group care, residential or specialist care settings. This should be read alongside the quality standard for supporting people to

live well with dementia. Information for the public on the quality standard on care provided by health and social care staff is available from <http://guidance.nice.org.uk/QS1/PublicInfo/pdf/English>.

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