

Choosing a Care Home Checklist

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First impressions: Is the outside of the home well kept and tidy?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dining: Can residents eat when they want to?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the home clean and well maintained?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are residents offered a choice of menu options for each meal?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Care provided: Does the home provide the right type of care for your needs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Can meals be eaten in a resident's room if desired?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do health care professionals such as opticians, chiropodists and physiotherapists visit the home?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Visiting: Are there set visiting times or are visitors welcome at any time?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the home have suitable equipment and facilities such as baths, hoists, electrically operated beds and wheelchairs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Can visitors dine with their relative/friend?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a hairdresser based at the home or one who visits on a regular basis?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there a relatives'/friends' forum?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do staff get to know residents and understand their personal likes/dislikes/needs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Activities: Is there a dedicated Activities Co-ordinator or Activities Team in the home?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do staff appear friendly, approachable and caring?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leisure and wellness: Are individual activities available for residents who are not able to, or who do not wish to, participate in group activities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bedroom/Communal area: Are the bedrooms clean and well decorated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Care Quality: Is the home's latest CQC inspection report available to read?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a variety of living spaces such as lounges, quiet rooms and dining rooms?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			