

A Human Rights Based Approach to In Patient Care

For People with Dementia

Mersey Care NHS Trust

1. Aims

To enable staff and service users with dementia to learn about human rights and develop a human rights way of working on an in patient ward.

2. Background

We all have human rights wherever we are including people with dementia. This project will build on from a person centred approach to dementia care and look at how the underlying principles and Articles of the Human Rights Act can be used to protect vulnerable people and promote their quality of life in a ward environment.

3. Outputs

- (1) A new human rights based Quality of Life Assessment Tool which staff can use to ensure they are embedding human rights into the ward environment.
- (2) A Human Rights and Dementia Learning Resource for staff working with people with dementia including case studies of good practice.

4. Outcomes

The development of the Quality of Life Assessment Tool and Learning Resource will:

- * Improve knowledge and awareness about human rights of the service users and staff involved
- * Enable service users to be more aware of and/or claim their human rights
- * Enable staff to be more aware of their own and the human rights of service users and to assist service users to claim their rights
- * Lead to positive changes in staff attitudes and behaviours and the culture of the ward environment

5. Project Lead

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