

Fictionalised vignette


Theory 2: Hospitalisations

The following fictionalised vignettes were used in the workshops where contexts, mechanisms and outcomes were discussed to generate the initial programme theory.

Georgios

Fell, hit head and is very confused.
Staff usually call 999
Some advance care planning done





2. Context

In the Care Home Hospital transfer policies;
Staff confidence;
Blockages in information sharing


Outside Ambulance and primary care services;
Implementation of GSF, echo or similar.

Hospitalisations

2. How can it change?

More specific advance care plans;
Staff skill in caring within the home;
Changes to hospital transfer policy;
Aligning with existing documents (e.g. RESPECT)





3. What changes?

For staff: Knowledge increases;
Feel more competent;

For Georgios' and family: Symptoms managed in the care home; Reduced risk of worsening symptoms; no futile treatments; Wishes documented & respected.

For NHS: Reduced service use;
££ cost saving; better inter-agency working