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Topic guide: NHS & SS staff

Date

Participant ID

Associated CH ID: _

Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Age:
Professional qualifications:	
Length of time present post: Time since qualified (eg DN/GP/SW)	_____ years _____ months _____ years _____ months
Specialist training: Dementia care End of Life Care	Details:

<p>How long worked with care home [state name]</p> <p>On average how often do you go into the care home?</p>	<p>_____years _____months</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Every day</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Regular arrangement (Ward round)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> More than once a week</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> About once a week</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Once a fortnight</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Once a month</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Less than once a month</p>
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Recognition and assessment of end of life care for people with dementia

- Can you tell me about when you may consider an older person with dementia as nearing the end of his/her life?
- Who decides at what stage an older person with dementia requires end of life care?
 - What is your involvement in this process
 - How are GPs involved?
 - How are you informed about one of your patients dying?
- How do you define end of life care?
- Tell me about someone who had a good death in this home?
- Tell me about someone who died here where you felt it could have been better?

- In what way do you think older people with dementia nearing the end of their life could be better supported within a care home?

Health service provision

- Who do you feel is responsible for supporting people with dementia as they near the end of their life?
- What other services do you draw upon to support older people's needs with dementia when they are dying?
 - Probe:
 - Macmillan
 - Marie Curie
 - District Nursing
 - Hospice support
 - Hospice at Home
 - Night sitter service
 - Charitable support
 - Geriatrician
 - Psychogeriatrician
 - Equipment loan
 - Which services do you find helpful?
 - What is it that they do?
 - Which services do you find not so helpful?

Specifically care home identified as working closely with

- How would you describe your working relationship with care home [state name]?

Probe:

- How do you initiate contact with the care home?
 - Visit regularly to review residents, wait for them to call and respond to a referral – pro-active or reactive?
- How have you been involved in providing end of life care to older people with dementia in care home [state name]
- How do you work with the care home staff to meet a resident's health needs who has dementia?
- In the past year, how many residents have you provided care to who died in the care home? Of these how many did you consider had dementia?

End of Life Planning

- Are you aware of any end of life care planning procedures in place in the care home?

Probe: Ask re each procedure and explore how used and involvement in use

- Advance Care Planning
- Gold Standard Framework
- Liverpool Care Pathway
- Preferred Place/Priorities of Care (PPC)?
- What do you think are the most important aspects when someone with dementia is dying in a care home?
- Is there anything else you would like to say about caring for someone with dementia towards the end of their life in a care home?