National Audit of Dementia (care in general hospitals) Standards measured in Round 5 and Round 6



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Standards are derived from NIC dementia, and from NHS Engla	Casenote audit E guidelines and recommendations for delirium and and leave principles:
Delirium screening and assessment	At presentation people with dementia or cognitive impairment should be assessed for recent changes or fluctuations in behaviour which may indicate delirium (CG103). If any of these changes are present, the person should have an assessment (see recommendation 1.6.1). [2010, amended 2023]
Pain assessment	People with dementia or cognitive impairment should be assessed for pain using an appropriate measurement or tool including self-reported pain and/or structured observational pain assessment tools (NG97 Overview Dementia: assessment, management and support for people living with dementia and their carers Guidance NICE
Discharge planning	Discharge planning should start within 24 hours of admission NHS England and NHS Improvement have worked with a number of partners to identify five key principles which can help ensure that patients are discharged in a safe, appropriate and timely way. Plan for discharge from the start
Annual Dementia Statement Standards are derived from the CHARTER 2018.cdr (dementiaad	Dementia Friendly Hospital Charter <u>DF HOSPITAL</u> ction.org.uk)
	Care is provided by staff who are appropriately trained in dementia care
Staff knowledge and skills	Staff demonstrate a proactive approach to

Staff knowledge and skills Staff demonstrate a proactive approach to caring for people and are knowledgeable and skilled in identifying and addressing needs People with dementia and their family carers have access to an accurate assessment of their needs and care is delivered accordingly

Environment	The care environment is comfortable and supportive, promoting patient safety, wellbeing and independence and people with dementia are enabled to find their way around the hospital
Governance	Systems are in place to support continuous improvement of quality of care for people with dementia and their carers whilst in hospital, including resources and governance structures that support staff to deliver care that is dementia-friendly
Carer questionnaire	
The carer questionnaire was independently developed by the Patient Experience Research Centre at Imperial College London and has been used in 2 previous rounds of the audit. Items were identified by a panel of carers as top priority items relating to the care of people with dementia and as questions which all carers/family members visiting people with dementia in hospital would find relevant, and would be able to answer.	

The carer questionnaire also aligns with the statements of the Dementia Friendly Hospital Charter:

	People with dementia and their families/carers are recognised as partners in their care. This includes:
Partnership	 Choice and control in decisions affecting their care
	 Support whilst in hospital and on discharge
	People with dementia and their family/ carers
Care	receive care that is person-centred and meets
	specific individual needs