


Equalities Perspectives

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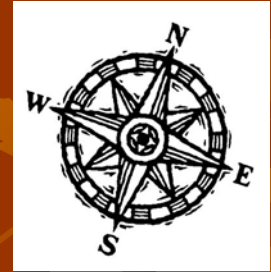
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Questions

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- Is the discussion document of equal value to a range of people with dementia in a range of different settings?
 - How can we make the follow up guidance relevant to all in all settings?
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Stuck Places



*'I couldn't believe how many times
we had to keep going backwards and forwards
backwards and forwards to get any help
...if you are completely ignorant it's hard '*

(Geeta, carer of dementia patient)

Equalities concerns



Addressed by the report:


- Inequalities in access to palliative care (diagnosis & setting) & in quality of care
- A need to rethink existing models of palliative care (based largely upon experiences of cancer)

Need to address:

- What equality might mean in dementia palliative care
- The relationships between dementia & social differences
- Workforce issues (training, education & structural inequalities)

What we know about inequalities & Palliative Care



- Local variations in palliative care service provision (a 'postcode' lottery)
 - lack of understanding amongst professionals about whom to refer, and when
 - reluctance by many patients and carers to be referred to palliative care, due to misunderstanding or fear
 - perception that palliative care is only for cancer patients
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Equalities Review – Capability Approach

- ‘which concentrates ... on what people are able to **do** or **be** in their lives’ (p. 73).
- A version of ‘equality of opportunity’ which is concerned with ensuring the conditions through which everyone can ‘fulfil their potential’

What is our approach to Equality and dementia?

- Emphasis on widening access to palliative care and attention to the quality of care
- Homogenisation ‘Dementia’ (still need to address & understand internal differences – disease stage & type, age, gender, ethnicity, socio-economic status)

What is our approach to Equality and dementia?

- How might equalities issues be reframed by addressing the experiences of people with dementia and their carers?
- Boundary pushing
- Equalities & incapability

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What are the challenges?

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- What are the causes of inequality for people with dementia? (‘penalties’, ‘gaps’?)
- Holistic care by proxy (is this good enough?)
- Generating understanding of how social exclusion/marginalisation & social capital can affect illness & care experiences & care ‘choices’
- Ethical difficulties & dilemmas for carers & staff (e.g. end of life decision making, changes in choice during an illness)
- Facilitating debate, dialogue & greater awareness