YOUNG ONSET DEMENTIA
– 24 hour live in care

What is 24 hour live in care?

The Good Care Group, are a quality, regulated 24 hour live-in care company who can enable individuals to return or stay at home where we can support and empower them to live well with the conditions or disabilities they may have. We can also offer respite care for those who need care and support families who are caring. The Good Care Group Admiral Nurse is available to work with families and people with dementia who are receiving the service. Our care team is able to advise and support people with dementia and their families in discussing individualised care options and we work collaboratively with all sectors of health and social care.

Why would this be an attractive option for a person with young onset dementia?

Having a conversation and then developing a plan for the future can be key in ensuring that people with dementia can be cared for in their preferred environment. By identifying different care options there will always be an alternative that has already been discussed and agreed so that decisions are not required at point of a crisis. 24 hour live in care introduced at an early stage can relieve pressure for the whole family. We are aware that daily tasks often get in the way of relationships and valuable family time. A live in carer worker can take on some of the household tasks like housework and cooking to allow for quality family time and/or to enable the person with dementia to maintain their role in the family group and their independence outside the home.

Can this work for a family living with a younger person with dementia?

Taking some of the intense pressure from the primary care giver can help the person with dementia retain their independence. It is important for the carer to be able to work and to try and balance the relationships with children and wider family. This can be difficult when the caring starts to become intense. The constraints to 24 hour live in care are, the changes to the dynamics of the family relationships as live in care will mean introducing another person to the household, in practical terms taking into account the size and maintenance of the property concerned and practical issues around privacy for all family members (a live in care worker requires a bedroom with a TV/web access and access to a bathroom).
How is it funded?

Live in care starts at £1,250 per week this is comparable to care home fees. The cost is dependent on the needs of the person with dementia and can go up and down. A Direct Payment or Continuing Health Care Funding can be applied for subject to application criteria. Either payment may require a family top up. Some local authorities have money available for a respite break or will part fund a respite break for the carer.

If the person requires funding we will suggest a Community Care Assessment is completed with the local authority. It is unlikely the local authority will fully fund live in care. The person may also meet the criteria for a nursing element for their care. If appropriate Continuing Health Care funding can be sought we are able to apply for a ‘spot contract’ if we are put forward as the preferred provider. We can work with health and social care teams to try and enable a service.

If the person is self-funding they or/and their family can contact us. We will arrange for an assessment in the persons’ own home. We will always make suggestions about care and support that will contribute to the quality of life for the person with dementia and their family. We would always advise that health and social care professionals who are part of the person’s care team are involved with the initial assessment especially when the person no longer has mental capacity.

How is 24 hour live in care accessed?

We can be contacted whenever the person and their family are ready by them or with the help of a professional. We will keep note of the contact and if agreed will follow up with regular conversation with the person about a plan of care. We can work with hourly care providers to extend the care to 24 hour live in care within an agreed time line that allows for introduction of a new care team.

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How does live in care work with health and social care sectors?

We will always work with the health and social care professionals involved with the persons care. If appropriate our care worker can take on a delegated task from a healthcare professional subject to the care worker competency and supervisory structures being put in place. Our Admiral Nurse and regional team members will liaise with health and social care professionals involved with the person and their family.