

COURSE TITLE: UNDERSTANDING DEMENTIA

Trainer:

Duncan Manson is a registered social worker and Manager of over 20 years' standing who has held senior level posts in a wide range of adult social care and mental health settings. His work has combined management of 'front line' services with the development of a number of innovative projects, all of which have had team building, training and staff support as key components.

Aims and Objectives:

A number of recent enquiries have highlighted widespread shortcomings both in the understanding of dementia and in the standard of care delivered to people with the condition, whose needs are complex.

The course looks to provide an holistic model for assessing these needs and for delivering a high standard of person centred care.

Duration of course:

Whole day (0930 – 1630 with breaks)

Numbers:

Between 12 and 20 participants

Target Audience:

Social Workers/Health workers who are expected to assess, arrange care plans and commission services to support Adults with dementia and their carers.

This is a stand alone course which seeks to enhance individual skills and knowledge irrespective of the amount of experience each worker may already have.

Teaching Method:

There is a PowerPoint presentation for key inputs, combined with group discussion and debate relevant and appropriate to actual practice.

Hard copy notes are provided for all participants including references and pointers for individual reading and research.

drive network

quality health and social care training

Course Synopsis:

- Definitions of Dementia
- How dementia fits into our understanding of mental health
- Discovering the impact that dementia has upon both the person and the carer
- Face to Face with a Carer – what can we learn from personal experience
- Person centred approaches to Dementia care
- The importance of the assessment and care plan
- Communication between the person with dementia, the carer , the social worker and the providers of care
- Use of resources and Commissioning
- Understanding legal aspects (eg .Capacity Decisions)
- Employing good social work skills and enhancing the quality of social workers' performance