

IS IT DEMENTIA?

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES | FACILITATOR GUIDE QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS

These questions are designed to be used when this resource is integrated into existing training programs. The facilitator guide questions are prompts for discussions and areas that can be explored further in a training situation.

CONSIDERATIONS:

- What might be some of the risks of social isolation?
- Thinking of someone you know – have you seen these indicators and what will you do differently in the future
- Can our service develop dementia services pathways and policies?

Are there any indicators that make you consider whether dementia or cognition may be an issue?

Consider:

- How much time has passed
 - What would the implications be if we were witnessing these changes over months?
 - What would the implications be if we were witnessing these changes over days?
- Have you considered whether the issues are related to delirium, head injury or infection? What do you understand are the consequences of these?
- What intervention would be appropriate?

Thinking of the key messages that are being delivered, are there different/better ways to deliver these?

- Focus on communication
- Body language
- Uniform
- Gender
- Speed of conversation

Consider:

- The correctional officers' reactions as they interact with each other in the scenarios – what could change?
- When seeking support what do we need to consider?

What is your duty of care in regards to the interaction with the offender in these scenarios?

- Shared knowledge
- Reporting incidents – forgetting versus not bothering are two different indicators – this needs to be monitored
- Utilise the dementia benchmark checklist to record concerns
- Explore pathways for future better practice including development of policies and procedures

What are some follow up options for you if you have concerns?

- Referral to Psychology Services
- Referral to Health Services
- Family input
- Escalate to Manager

Alzheimer's Australia can provide additional training support to facilitate this training resource – please contact the National Dementia Helpline on 1800 100 500.

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