

Dementia Care Mapping

National Strategy and Implementation Guide

The Dementia Care Mapping national strategy and implementation guide represents a commitment that all people living with dementia should experience care, which is person-centred, safe and supports their well-being when using care services in Wales.

Dementia Care Mapping is an observational tool used to understand the experience of care from the perspective of people living with dementia and to inform positive actions to promote person-centred approaches. It is rooted in the concept of person-centred care.

The principal aim of person-centred care is to maintain the personhood of people living with dementia. Dementia Care Mapping supports care staff to develop and deliver action plans to enhance the provision of person-centred approaches in their practice.

The implementation guide outlines the actions, which health boards across Wales will need to complete to support the achievement of the Dementia Care Mapping standard in the All Wales Dementia Care Pathway of Standards (Improvement Cymru 2021). Whilst some health

boards will be further along in meeting the Dementia Care Mapping standard than others, the implementation guide should be used to support local assessment, planning and delivery.

The implementation guide describes four stages for enhancing the use of Dementia Care Mapping in Wales:

Stage One:	This involves strategic planning and locating Dementia Care Mapping within the health board's services.
Stage Two	This includes understanding the local capacity and the local requirements for Dementia Care Mapping.
Stage Three:	This includes developing workforce plans, referral pathways and preparing health board staff for Dementia Care Mapping.
Stage Four:	This stage involves the managing and monitoring of Dementia Care Mapping in Wales at a local and national level.



A [summary of the guide is available here](#) and the [full guide can be found here](#)

Reference: Improvement Cymru (2021) All Wales Dementia Care Pathway of Standards, Public Health Wales