

The Journey of the RED BAG





Betty has become unwell and so Jenny (the Care Home Lead) does an assessment of Betty's condition, liaises with the appropriate service and a decision is made that Betty needs to go to hospital.

Betty's Red Bag is packed

and ready for her return to

the Care Home.



While waiting for the ambulance Jenny packs a Red Bag to go with Betty to the hospital



- Personal aids
- Standardised papers: Older Persons
- Assessment Form CARES Escalation Record
- MAR sheet
- Signed checklist This is Me
- DNAR (if applicable)



The Red Bag is given to the ambulance crew as part of the handover.

What goes in the Red Ba Personal belongings: Day of admission clothes

- Toiletries Personal aids Standardised papers:

Older Persons CARES Escalation Record

- MAR sheet
- Discharge summary
- Medication/TTOs
 - DNAR (if applicable) This is Me

When Jenny comes to visit, Betty is feeling much better and they discuss her discharge from hospital with Maria and Bina (the Doctor).



At hospital, Maria (the nurse) receives the Red Bag from the ambulance crew. The Red Bag identifies Betty as a Care Home resident and the completed paperwork inside helps her understand Betty's medical background.

When Betty arrives home, Jenny updates their records with the papers and medication received back in the Red Bag.



Betty is now back in her favourite chair and enjoying a cup of tea.



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