

Supporting values-based recruitment in social care

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BACKGROUND

Growing numbers of people living with dementia also have social care needs. Many live at home, supported to live independently by care workers.

THE PROBLEM



Finding people suited for care work is challenging.

Technical skills can be learned, but care workers also need to have the right values and attitudes for care.

Detecting 'values' during recruitment is difficult.

A SOLUTION?

Researchers have developed a new, online recruitment quiz, called 'Curious about Care'.

The guiz shows realworld care dilemmas in which values are being tested

Candidates are asked how suitable different actions would be.



THE RESEARCH

There are key research questions still to answer

'What values matter most to people living with dementia?'

'How do employers use Curious about Care'?

Do those scoring well on Curious about Care provide better care?

OUR PARTNERS









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Project duration: January 2023-July 2025

Which values?

Experts by experience will lead work to prioritise the key values for dementia care

Design

New scenarios will be created illustrating these values being stretched

Implementation

Homecare organisations will adopt 'Curious about Care' as part of their recruitment process

Evaluation

The research will examine how well Curious about Care works during recruitment

Action

Curious about Care will be made freely available to employers of care workers







