

## If a client were suddenly taken very ill with COVID-19, how would those involved in their care know.....



In light of the current COVID-19 threat, timely, honest discussions regarding a person's preferences and priorities should they become unwell are paramount.

### How can you help?

You may have clients who wish to discuss their thoughts around future care and COVID-19. If this is the case, encourage clients to:

- **Think about it** – clients may have been “thinking about” what is important to them in these uncertain times.
- **Talk about it** – allow clients to talk, what are their priorities? Where would they like to be cared for? What would they want to happen to them? Who would they like you to contact?
- **Record it** – document what has been discussed, in care plans and you could also use a Preferred Priorities for Care document.  
[https://www.dyingmatters.org/sites/default/files/preferred\\_priorities\\_for\\_care.pdf](https://www.dyingmatters.org/sites/default/files/preferred_priorities_for_care.pdf)
- **Share it** - With consent from the client, share the information, with healthcare professionals and those important to the client.