

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



...what is important to them?

...whether they want to go into hospital?

...what they would want in relation to care and treatments?

...what things they wouldn't want to happen e.g. If they don't want to be resuscitated?

...who to contact including who they would want to speak on their behalf if they were unable to?

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

- **Think about it** – residents may have been “thinking about” what is important to them in these uncertain times.
- **Talk about it** – allow residents 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
- **Share it** - With consent from the resident, share the information, with healthcare professionals and those important to the resident.