Unit 4222-368 Understand the administration of medication to individuals with dementia using a person centred approach (DEM 305)

Level: **3**
Credit value: **2**
UAN: **K/601/9199**

Unit aim

This unit is about knowledge and understanding of individuals who may have specific needs for receiving medication because of their experience of dementia. Learners will develop their knowledge of these medication requirements. This unit does not confirm competence.

Learning outcomes

There are **two** learning outcomes to this unit. The learner will:

1. Understand the common medications available to, and appropriate for, individuals with dementia
2. Understand how to provide **person centred** care to individuals with dementia through the appropriate and effective use of medication

Guided learning hours

It is recommended that **15** hours should be allocated for this unit, although patterns of delivery are likely to vary.

Support of the unit by a sector or other appropriate body

This unit is endorsed by Skills for Care and Development.

Assessment

This unit must be assessed in accordance with Skills for Care and Development's QCF assessment principles.

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Assessment Criteria

Outcome 1 Understand the common medications available to, and appropriate for, individuals with dementia

The learner can:

1. outline the most common medications used to treat symptoms of dementia
2. describe how commonly used medications affect individuals with dementia
3. explain the risks and benefits of anti-psychotic medication for individuals with dementia
4. explain the importance of recording and reporting side effects/adverse reactions to medication
5. describe how 'as required' (PRN) medication can be used to support individuals with dementia who may be in pain

Outcome 2 Understand how to provide person centred care to individuals with dementia through the appropriate and effective use of medication

The learner can:

1. describe person-centred ways of **administering** medicines whilst adhering to administration instructions
2. explain the importance of advocating for an individual with dementia who may be prescribed medication.

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Additional guidance

- **Administering** may include:
  - Fitting with the routines of the individual
  - Meeting the preferences of the individual (tablets/solutions)
  - Enabling techniques
  - Self-administration