



Introduction of the Red Bag to support Care Home Transfers to and from Acute Services

This initiative is currently being introduced to all care homes in Partnerships across the NHSGG&C Board area

It is a simple process that brings together the following in one place:

- **Information** on the resident to support decision making and to communicate details of their care
- **Medication**
Although limited medication will be needed by the resident to attend acute services, the bag provides a compartment for this and any discharge medication required
- **Property**
 - Glasses / dentures / hearing aids
 - Toiletries
 - Nightwear
 - Day time clothing – to ensure that the resident has day time clothing to wear if appropriate during their stay **and** for when they are discharged (including shoes)



Care homes, Scottish Ambulance Service and acute services are supporting this process as it provides many benefits including:

- Improves access to information on residents – admission and discharge
- Supports approach to medication for admission and discharge
- Reduces unnecessary time for all stakeholders – less phone calls and follow up required
- Preventing admission where appropriate - to enable earlier assessment and treatment
- Reduces length of stay

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