

## **Use of Medication**

In some circumstances medication can be an enormous help for people with dementia, helping to reduce anxiety, frustration and depression.

However we believe that certain types of drug, particularly anti- psychotic medication have a negative benefit for people with dementia. This is backed up by recent research.

We believe in responsible use of medication where it is for the benefit of the individual and not for the benefit of the home.

We have a track record over several years of admitting people from hospitals and other care homes reducing and stopping anti – psychotic drugs.

## **What We Do**

We have high staffing levels; there are lots of people available to engage in communication and activity with residents.

We meet each week with G.P and have a shared commitment with him not to use medication unless absolutely necessary and then to review any usage thereafter.

We work with families by talking to them about use of medication where their relative is concerned.

Our staff receive dementia care training and are more able to assist the residents with compassion and understanding when dealing with the frustrations that dementia can present to people.