

Unit 533

Understand the process and experience of dementia (DEM 301)

UAN:	J/601/3538
Level:	3
Credit value:	3
GLH:	22
Relationship to NOS:	This unit is linked to DEM 301
Assessment requirements specified by a sector or regulatory body	This unit must be assessed in accordance with Skills for Care and Development's assessment principles.
Aim	This unit provides the knowledge of the neurology of dementia to support the understanding of how individuals may experience dementia.

Learning outcome	The learner will:
1. Understand the neurology of dementia	
Assessment criteria	
The learner can:	
1.1 Describe a range of causes of dementia syndrome	
1.2 Describe the types of memory impairment commonly experienced by individuals with dementia	
1.3 Explain the way that individuals process information with reference to the abilities and limitations of individuals with dementia	
1.4 Explain how other factors can cause changes in an individual's condition that may not be attributable to dementia	
1.5 Explain why the abilities and needs of an individual with dementia may fluctuate	

Learning outcome	The learner will:
2. Understand the impact of recognition and diagnosis of dementia	
Assessment criteria	
The learner can:	
2.1 Describe the impact of early diagnosis and follow up to diagnosis	
2.2 Explain the importance of recording possible signs or symptoms of dementia in an individual in line with agreed ways of working	
2.3 Explain the process of reporting possible signs of dementia within agreed ways of working	
2.4 Describe the possible impact of receiving a diagnosis of dementia on:	

- The individual
- Their family and friends

Learning outcome	The learner will:
3. Understand how dementia care must be underpinned by a person-centered approach	
Assessment criteria	
The learner can:	
3.1	Compare a person-centered and a non-person-centered approach to dementia care
3.2	Describe a range of different techniques that can be used to meet the fluctuating abilities and needs of the individual with dementia
3.3	Describe how myths and stereotypes related to dementia may affect the individual and their carers
3.4	Describe ways in which individuals and carers can be supported to overcome their fears

Range
Carers: • Partner • Family • Friends • Neighbours

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Supporting information

Guidance

Definitions

Learning Outcome 1, Assessment Criterion 1.1

Dementia syndrome: caused by a combination of conditions, sometimes called a mixed dementia.

Learning Outcome 1, Assessment Criterion 1.2

Individuals: someone requiring care or support.