



# Finding a care home where you will feel at home

## The Care Options Classification

To help you find a home that could be right for you or your relative, all homes are gradually being classified into types, using information that homes provide about the way they operate. To find out which type might best suit you, read the descriptions of people below, and choose the one that most closely corresponds to you. Then look for your colour or letter in the Care Options Classification box for each home.

### If this sounds like you . . .

- I find day-to-day life an effort and I'd like to live in a home where I feel comfortable and I can take it easy.
- I see my needs as quite simple and mostly physical; it would be nice to be catered for, have my hair done or have someone to chat to.
- I'm not that concerned about lots of activities or facilities; I like to be left to go at my own pace and not feel pressured to 'join in'.
- I'm happy to fit in with routines and I like a fairly peaceful and undemanding environment.
- Most of all I want to feel like I am living in my own home and not a hotel.

Look for this colour or letter . . .

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### If this sounds like you . . .

- Sometimes I feel vulnerable and anxious so I'd like to live in a home where I know I'll always feel safe and taken care of.
- I find day to day living quite stressful, especially all those decisions and I'd really like to be able to relax, knowing the staff are getting on with looking after me, even if my care needs might increase in the future.
- I like well-ordered routines and I don't want to be consulted about every little detail but I would like to feel I could take my lunch in my room if I want to.

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### If this sounds like you . . .

- I may need a fair bit of help but still see myself as quite an independently-minded person and I'd like to live where I can still come and go as I please, where I'm left to my own devices, to say when I want meals and what I want to eat; when I get up and go to bed.
- I like the idea of a home being like a hotel – offering me a wide choice of things to do and being willing to offer new things, if residents ask for them.
- The little details are important to me because I like polished standards.

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### If this sounds like you . . .

- I like to make my own decisions about things that affect my life and I'd like to live in a home where I'm very involved in decisions about the care I receive and the environment I live in.
- I don't think I'd like to be 'organised' but my ideal home would encourage residents' to try new things, even those with the greatest needs.
- I'm quite sociable and would enjoy a lively, busy and stimulating community - but I have my own hobbies to keep up too!
- I not particularly concerned about living with a mixture of other people so long as I have my privacy and I can choose what I want to do.

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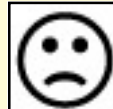
A home where you could be very happy



A home where you could be quite happy



A home where you could be neither particularly happy nor particularly unhappy



A home where you may be least happy



A home about which we have limited information, and cannot yet classify