

DeAR-GP Additional guidance for care home managers

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- The Health Innovation Network recommends that you train up to 5 care workers to use DeAR-GP depending on the size of your care home (link to [Training plan for care workers](#)).
- Once the care workers have been shown how to use DeAR-GP, you should agree with the care workers which residents they will assess to make sure the same residents are not assessed more than once.
- Before the care worker uses DeAR-GP with a resident, they should first check the care plan to ensure there is not an existing diagnosis of dementia.
 - You may wish to consult with the resident's relatives before the care worker uses DeAR-GP with the resident.
 - If there is an existing diagnosis of dementia then the resident does not need to be assessed.
- You should agree with the care workers where to store the DeAR-GP forms when they have been filled in.
- You should agree who makes a clearly dated note in the residents' care home records that DeAR GP has been completed and also complete the [care home reporting tool](#).
- You should ensure that the next time the GP or Memory Nurse visits, that you show them the completed DeAR-GPs so that they can carry out a further assessment.
- The GP or Nurse will advise you of the action they will take.
- Once the resident has been fully assessed by the GP or Nurse, they will write to you to advise you if there is a diagnosis of dementia.
- **The GP or Nurse will also inform the resident (and their family, if the resident does not have capacity) of the outcome of the assessment but you should also discuss any diagnosis with the resident and their family.**
- You will be advised of additional support your care home can receive from any local dementia support services.

For more information, see:

- [Care home reporting tool](#)
- [Guide for care workers](#)
- [Training plan for care workers](#)