

DANYGRAIG DOMICILIARY CARE AGENCY



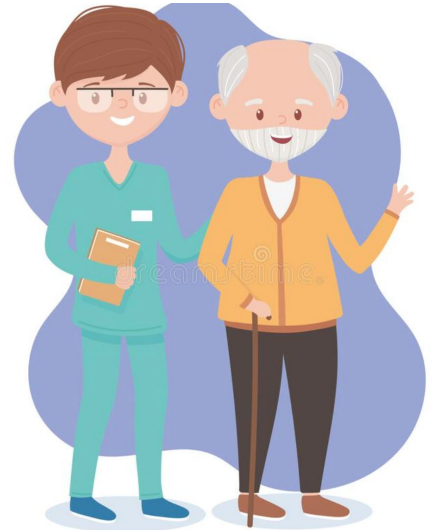
INTRODUCTION

The following presentation is talking about my placement as a domiciliary carer. It is a domiciliary care agency that provides support for individuals of a range of ages with physical and mental problems, sensory issues and dementia (*Home*, n.d.).



BACKGROUND

- What is a domiciliary carer?
- What tasks do domiciliary carers carry out?



MAIN POINTS

- There are various skills that are needed when working as a domiciliary carer and I feel as though this is one of the areas where improvement is needed.
- Examples of when I used my knowledge throughout this experience would be when one client was unwell but, refused medical care.
- Times where I have took responsibility is mainly when lone working out in the community rather than on double handed calls.
- An example of where I have used a proactive approach would be giving feedback to superior members of staff on how the client is.

MAIN POINTS

- The things I found most surprising were how much the care at home helps families and how much easier it is to remember each individuals routines.
- The things I find most challenging are when you build up strong relationships with the clients and their families and supporting them through hard times.

- Throughout this placement I have used problem solving in many cases such as; where a client with severe dementia is experiencing pain but not sure where.



EVALUATION

Overall from this experience within Domiciliary Care it has helped me with improving my skills such as; confidence, adapting to communication methods with various individuals, respectful, reliable, non-judgemental, showing empathy and active listening skills (*18 Qualities That Make an Exceptional Care Worker*, 2019). Also I feel as though I have gained appropriate and effective experiences whilst working with a range of individuals with various needs.



DISCUSSION

Upon reflecting back on my experience within domiciliary care I believe that overall it has been a positive experience with building up good relationships with clients, their families and colleagues, developing on my skills, and gaining experiences. However, I do feel as though there were some weaknesses throughout my time there as at one point they were at crisis point with low staff levels which resulted in long hours being worked to cover all clients needs.



FUTURE IMPLICATIONS

Future implications for domiciliary care would be the high demand of care staff that is required to fulfil all the clients needs throughout. (*Over a million more health and care staff needed in the next decade to meet growing demand for care*, n.d.) expects that in approximately a decade the UK spending will need to increase in order to meet the demand of care needs required. The UK also needs to set out future plannings to increase the interest of the public into caring jobs in order to increase the workforce as the number of individuals developing physical and mental issues is on the rise which requires higher demand.



CONCLUDING REMARKS

When reflecting upon my experiences when in domiciliary care I feel as though I have had a lot of opportunities to learn new things, build up on improving various skills, building up new relationships and gaining more knowledge on each individuals problems/illness. So, from looking back I believe that I have made improvements in many areas from when I first started until now however, I do feel as though there are areas where I could still make improvements.



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