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Introduction (150 words)

The patient presented in this report is Mr Ahmed, 68 years old, a stroke patient who lives with the help of the multidisciplinary team and domiciliary care services. Mr Ahmed needs daily living activities, communication, and help with medication after his release. The case he presents raises a number of key issues in health and social care practice such as effective communication, proper administration, and teamwork. These aspects are critical toward providing safe, person-centred care, especially to those with complex needs and language barriers.

The fact that Mr Ahmed has little English skills and uses his wife as a communication medium makes him prone to misunderstandings that may affect the quality of care he gets. The missed home visit is also mentioned and it brings up questions on record keeping and organisational accountability. The significance of communication, administrative skills, collaborative working in his care will be discussed in this report, and it will be connected to relevant acts like the Equality Act 2010 and the Data Protection Act 2018.

1. Importance of Effective Communication (450 words)

Health and social care environments require effective communication, especially with Mr. Ahmed experiencing language barriers and communication difficulties after a stroke. Effective communication is essential in terms of keeping care safe, person-centred, and responsive to personal needs ([NHS England, 2016](#)). Lack of proper communication leads to the possibility of errors, which may lead to mis-delivery of drugs or poor understanding of care plans.

Care professionals should use straightforward and easy to understand language and avoid using medical jargon in order to communicate effectively with Mr. Ahmed. Since his first language is Bengali it is worth noting that in cases where there is a need to use interpreters or translation services. It might not be the most optimal solution to use his wife to translate information since it can unintentionally cause pressure on her and provide incomplete or biased information ([Ali and Watson, 2018](#)). The use of graphics, gestures, and written instructions in Bengali can facilitate the comprehension and help Mr. Ahmed.

Equality Act 2010 is a framework that supports the effective communication practices and promotes fairness and guards against discrimination of individuals on the basis of their racial or linguistic attributes. Reasonable accommodations should be made in the case of Mr. Ahmed to suit his communication needs, such as language support or access to information ([Legislation.gov.uk, 2010](#)). Such accommodations assist in ensuring that he equally has access to care and that he actively participates in the decision-making process about his treatment.

Interaction with family members especially his wife should also be done with sensitivity. Although she is a vital support system, professionals should make sure that the opinions and choices of Mr. Ahmed are considered first. Personal information should never be shared without consent, and close contact with Mr. Ahmed should be promoted whenever possible.

One such model that can be useful here is the Shannon-Weaver Model which describes communication as a process in which there is a sender, a message, a channel, a receiver and a possible noise ([Shannon and Weaver, 1949](#)). The noise in the case of Mr. Ahmed can be attributed to language barriers, cognitive difficulties following his stroke, or emotional stress. Thus, health practitioners must do their best to reduce this noise by choosing the most effective communication strategies, checking comprehension, and asking about feedback. Methods like requesting Mr. Ahmed to rephrase information or use teach-back strategies can help determine the accuracy of reception of messages.

To conclude, trust building, error reduction, and patient outcomes are impossible without effective communication. This is especially important to Mr. Ahmed who is vulnerable and depends on others to express his needs.

2. Importance of Administrative Skills (450 words)

The essential skills in the context of health and social care are good administrative skills since they are the foundation of the delivery of care services in an accurate, safe, and consistent manner. A recent case of Mr. Ahmed that is of missed domiciliary care visit and consequently delay in medication administering is an instance of dire results that may come about following improper administration and insufficient documentation.

Record keeping is an essential practice, which entails the careful documentation of all facets of patient care, including medication administration, care plans and inter-professional communication. Proper documentation is part of the continuity of care as it ensures that different professionals are able to comprehend the needs of Mr. Ahmed completely and offer the necessary amount of support ([NMC, 2018](#)). One such example is where the workers in the care do not record a missed visit or oversight of delivery of medication hence making the other care workers unaware of these problems and thus increasing the possible risk to the patient.

Data Protection Act 2018 is an important legislative document that regulates the process of managing personal data in health and social care. It requires that data should be treated in a process that is lawful, just and clear ([ICO, n.d](#)). In the case of Mr. Ahmed, his medical records need to be held in custody and they should only be disclosed to professional staff working with him. This is especially important considering the importance of collaboration in multiple agencies such as his general practitioner, district nurse, and speech and language therapist.

Some of the principles established in the Data Protection Act have a direct bearing on the care provided to Mr. Ahmed. These values are data minimization, accuracy, and confidentiality. As an example, care workers need to make sure that the changes that were related to the condition of Mr. Ahmed or his medication should be recorded properly and promptly.

On top of legislative demands, other policies like the Care Act 2014 and the regulations that have been set by health organizations support effective administrative practices. The Care Act also emphasizes the importance of accountability and protection; therefore, such cases as missed visits need to be reported and investigated in detail ([Legislation.gov.uk, 2014](https://legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/22/contents/enacted)). This is a very important method in determining the risks and implementing better measures so as to prevent such occurrences in future.

The introduction of successful administrative mechanisms, which may be electronic care records and planned visit logs, can go a long way in reducing the rate of errors. Consistent supervision and audit can also be used in ensuring good standards of care. As an instance, the care agencies must regularly check staff performance and respond to missing visits without delay.

3. Importance of Collaborative Working (300 words)

Teamwork is a vital aspect of the care provided to Mr. Ahmed, seeing that several professionals are involved in helping him recover and rest well. This group consists of his general practitioner (GP), district nurse, domiciliary care workers, and a speech and language therapist. All the members possess different expertise, and the interaction enables a multi-dimensional approach to the care of Mr. Ahmed.

Regular communication, use of shared care plans and clear definition of roles of each professional should be put in place in order to improve effective collaboration. To use an example, as the district nurse observes blood pressure of Mr. Ahmed and can provide wound care, the speech and language therapist should be focused on his communication and swallowing issues. The team can provide effective and consistent assistance by exchanging updates and organizing their actions ([Reeves et al., 2010](#)).

Conducting multidisciplinary team (MDT) meetings can be considered a great chance to discuss the progress of Mr. Ahmed with the professionals and to raise any concerns. Such meetings may discuss the problems like the lack of care visits that have been neglected, and all the members of the team should be informed about possible risks. Also, shared digital records can be implemented to improve information flow and reduce redundancy in care practices.

Nevertheless, multi-agency cooperation may face numerous obstacles, such as poor communication, role conflicts, and time constraints. As an example, when the care agency fails to notify the GP of a missed dose of medication, it may greatly affect treatment choices. In order to cope with such struggles, it is important to have effective communication channels and systems of accountability.

Person-centred care is another effective strategy that should be employed since it implies the active participation of Mr. Ahmed and his wife in the decision-making process. This not only makes sure that the care handled is in accordance with his particular needs and preferences but also makes the care more trustworthy and engaging, especially when the cultural background is taken into consideration.

Conclusion (150 words)

Overall, the case of Mr. Ahmed highlights the importance of communication, administrative skills and collaboration in health and social care practices. The key factor in overcoming language barriers is proper communication, which will help Mr. Ahmed to understand and actively participate in the sphere of his care. The Equality Act 2010 principles have the effect of emphasizing the need to use inclusive communication techniques that advance fairness and accessibility to everyone.

In addition, good administrative expertise especially record keeping skills are invaluable to ensure care is safe and consistent. The incident about the missed home visit is a vivid example of how administration lapses may be of great danger. Moreover, the Data Protection Act 2018 requires that the personal information of Mr. Ahmed is handled in a suitable and secure manner that protects his privacy.

Notably, coordinated care between healthcare professionals helps develop a holistic approach to the care of Mr. Ahmed, thereby improving the final outcomes and reducing the risk of errors. Through teamwork and proper information sharing, the care team can be in a better position to assist Mr. Ahmed in his recovery path. Together, these elements are core to delivering person-centred care, which is of high quality and actually addresses the needs of individuals.

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