



Thoughts for parents and other family members

Families need the security of knowing that their relative with learning disabilities will be well cared for in their later years which may well bring increasing disability and dependency. As these vulnerable people live fuller, longer lives, specialist care is needed to support them in later years. Lady Dane Farmhouse has been recently refurbished to a high standard with good sized bedrooms and comfortable communal areas, to be available for just such a need.

Older people with learning disabilities need trained nurses and carers that anticipate and understand their needs. As well as being offered the best nursing care they can be helped to cope with their condition, make choices and express their feelings. A variety of stimulating social and day activities is offered according to the ability of the individual as well as their mental and physical condition. These may include movement, singing, music, art and craft.

The wellbeing of each individual may be enhanced by therapies such as physiotherapy or massage. In addition we work closely with the multidisciplinary services, including Speech and Language Therapists, Dieticians, Specialist Nurse Advisors, Ophthalmology, Dental Services and Podiatry Practitioners in order to provide holistic, person centered care for each individual. Access to an independent advocacy service will be available if required.

Each resident will have a private room where they will be encouraged to have some personal possessions so as to feel 'at home'. Healthy meals are to be enjoyed and choice will be available. Everyone, residents and staff, will have their place in this caring community and family members will be welcome to visit and to discuss the care of their disabled relative.

A person with learning disabilities over 35 years old may be placed at Lady Dane Farmhouse when, because of multiple nursing requirements or need for palliative care their current home becomes unsuitable. Funding arrangements will previously have been made in conjunction with their Care Manager.

For further information please call the Home Manager, Rosalyn Chapman, on 01795 538299 or email registerednurse@fynvola.org.uk