



## Selecting a Care Home

### Location and Building

- Where is the home?
- Will visitors be able to get there easily?
- Are there transport links near by?
- Are facilities such as shops, pubs, parks and places of worship within easy reach?
- How accessible is the home?
- Will it be easy for you to enter and leave the building, and move between rooms and floors
- How good is the wheelchair access?
- Is there a lift?
- Does the home feel clean and inviting?
- Are there any unpleasant smells?
- Do the rooms feel hot and stuffy or cold and draughty?
- Is there a relaxed and friendly atmosphere?
- Will you feel comfortable chatting and socialising in the home's public areas?
- Are chairs arranged in groups or round the edges of the rooms?
- Is there a quiet living room for reading, as well as one with a television?
- Are the rooms a good size?
- Will you have a room to yourself?
- Is there any choice of rooms to accommodate preferences such as sun, shade or quiet?
- Do the rooms have en suite facilities or basins?
- Will you be able to bring your own possessions such as pictures, plants and furniture?
- Does the home allow pets?
- Will you be able to settle into the home?
- Would you prefer a larger or smaller home?