



John's Campaign



John was admitted to hospital with infected leg ulcers

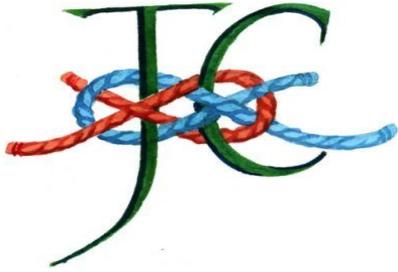
On admission

- Strong
- Mobile
- Able to tell stories about his past, to work in his garden and help with things round the house
- Able to feed himself, to go the lavatory and to keep himself clean

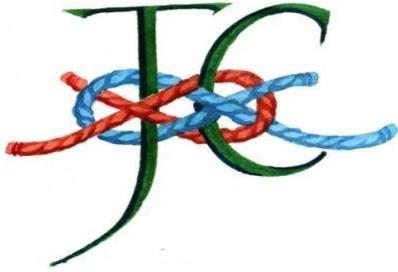
On discharge

- Skeletal
- Incontinent
- Immobile
- Incoherent
- Requiring 24-hour care

HE WAS IN HOSPITAL FIVE WEEKS



- His family felt certain that if he had people he knew around him to tend and comfort him, he would not have experienced such a decline
- The individual nurses and doctors were kind, conscientious, respectful, but they couldn't sit and talk to him, read to him, make sure he ate, keep him attached to the world
- He died nine months later
- His family didn't want other patients with dementia to have frightening and confusing experiences alone
- They felt they were prevented from supporting their loved one in his time of need



His daughter's views

"We should not enforce disconnection between carers and those who need care. When someone with Dementia is hospitalized, the medical staff should do all within their power to make access easy for family carers and utilise their expert knowledge and their love."

"Whether someone with Dementia is living in a mental health unit, a nursing home, a rehabilitation unit, supported housing or a care home, their families must be welcome to support them as often as they are able. Families are more than "visitors" to a person with Dementia; they are an integral part of that persons life and identity and often their last, best means of connection with the world."



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- Open visiting for carers of a person living with Dementia
- Allowing patient and carer to fulfil usual routines
- Helping to stay connected with their world

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