



Barchester's 'Wood Grange' care home in Bourne, Lincolnshire, provides exceptional dementia care within its Memory Lane community; the environment, care and support are designed to enhance the wellbeing of each person - MyAmego plays a large role in this.

This lady, who has lived at Wood Grange for some time can move around the home freely. She can go to the piano and play when she wants to without staff intervention or involvement.

She is enabled to do what she is capable of, when she wishes to, with automatic alerts for assistance sent as appropriate to her needs.

"The system involves everybody; the person, their families and staff working together, for better outcomes all round. Residents are enabled rather than disabled, families are reassured and staff enjoy a more pro-active approach to care. We'll certainly be looking to extend the implementation of MyAmego in our new build projects, from day one."

Sheena Wyllie

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Barchester, like MyAmego, is a committed member of the Dementia Action Alliance (DAA), created by public and private bodies to ensure that people living with dementia have choice and control over decisions about their lives.

A key aim within all Barchester's homes and a pledge of the DAA, is the commitment to reducing the use of inappropriate drugs that act to 'control' a person. Barchester has been working for some considerable time reviewing the use of anti-psychotic medications for those in its care. An important contribution to this review has been the use of the MyAmego system at Wood Grange where nursing staff have used the system to manage and evidence the impact of reductions in the use of anti-psychotic drugs and sedation. Data from the reports has been consulted when adjusting medication, allowing optimum levels to be found or indeed some medication removed altogether.

One gentleman came into the home with a high level of anti-psychotic medication. Despite this, he was extremely active, constantly rushing up and down, dashing into people's rooms, pushing past other people in the corridor and even having meals on the move. In consultation with the GP and looking at the changing mobility and location data from MyAmego, the manager was able to gradually reduce and eventually remove, the anti-psychotic medication. This transformed the life of the gentleman, allowing him to enjoy walking at a normal pace, eat his meals sitting down and engage in conversation.

MyAmego's unobtrusive system, specifically designed around the individual capabilities and preferences, fits well into Barchester's person-centred approach. The system has been installed at Wood Grange since November 2010 and Barchester's Director of Dementia Services, Sheena Wyllie, reports very positive results and real enthusiasm for the system; *"the system is having a profound effect in evidencing the person-centred care we deliver."*

The ability to enable an individual's freedom of movement breaks the cycle of behaviours that cause concern. This is key in Barchester's objective to reduce anti-psychotic medication and the reason why MyAmego's capability to encourage independent mobility is so significant.