Handout 17: Strategies to Meet People’s Needs

Deciding on the most effective way to meet people’s needs may require everyone to consider a number of factors. A checklist can be useful in helping to make that decision.

Checklist when considering the most effective way to meet a person's needs:

- Is this the strategy the person prefers?
- Does the strategy respect cultural requirements?
- Are staff skilled or knowledgeable enough to implement the strategy?
- Can resource requirements be met e.g. money, equipment, staff time?
- Do we have the information needed to implement the strategy?
- Can we access specialist skills or knowledge if necessary?
- Are there formal supports to assist the person with this strategy?
- Are there informal supports to assist the person with this strategy?