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facilitator prompts:

issues to explore:

1. legislation and guidance relating to hospital discharge:

What can carers expect in terms of their rights during the hospital discharge e.g. the right to be involved in decisions during discharge?

2. information:

What information should be made available to carers during the discharge process e.g. diagnosis, prognosis, discharge plan?

3. communication:

How do we establish the patient's own wishes about longer term care when their mental capacity is diminished or deteriorating? What sort of support might a patient need in order to help them communicate their own wishes? How might a carer feel about communicating on behalf of the patient in a situation where the patient is having difficulties communicating for themselves? How can we ensure the carer's views and wishes are taken into account should a best interest decision need to be made on behalf of the patient due to loss of mental capacity?

4. confidentiality:

How might we deal with any potential confidentiality issues that might arise when patient or carer are reluctant to share personal information with each other?

5. risks to carers:

How might the risks to the carer be managed when a person is discharged home e.g. moving and handling training? What other sources of support are available locally to carers upon discharge?

6. national and local policies and procedures on Continuing Health Care:

What are these? What information should be provided to carers and how might they challenge a particular decision?

You may also wish to use this case study with the discharge planning outline at level three - specialist learning.

