What type of home is a care home?

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Two narratives of personalisation

• Domiciliary: Individual choice and control
  • Direct payment as main tool in domiciliary care
  • Service user as ‘consumer’ in the care market
    (e.g. Barnes, 2011; Ellis, 2015; Stevens et al., 2018)

• Residential: Person-centred care
  • Many origins; relating to care homes most prominent in dementia care
  • Emphasises care relationships (formal, informal) for residents’ wellbeing; attitudes and behaviours of carers
  • Eradicating ‘malignant social psychology’ by focusing on maintaining personhood; shared decision-making; creating community (SCIE, 2019; Brooker 2003; Kitwood 1997)
Care home as hotel (Decisions taken by customer; customer service orientation)

Care home as institution (Decisions taken by professionals; task orientation)

Care home as cooperative (Joint decision-making; individual provision)

Care home as family home (Joint decision-making; communal provision)
Care home as a cooperative

• Close relationships – emphasis on community
• Individual choice – emphasis on self-determination, choice of place, way of living and of being cared for
  ➢ To meet people’s care need but not (only) focus on need
• Residents choosing the home *because they want to live there*
• Residents choosing other residents?
Care farms provide nursing home care in the Netherlands

Care farms are extensively used in the Netherlands as an alternative to day care centres for people in need of care, including people with dementia. They aim to offer new care concept directed towards small-scale and homelike environments.

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