Dementia Care Mapping: A New Direction in Dementia Care Practice

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Introduction

• Funding for Project
  *Meltia Law Grant*

• Duration of Project
  *November 2005 until July 2006*

• Observation Tool
  *Dementia Care Mapping*
Aims of the project

• Identify what factors influence wellbeing in a dementia specialist day centre

• Identify the benefits to clients of attending a dementia specialist day centre
Criteria for Selecting Day Centres

- Organisation type
- Funding source
- Building type
- Models of care
- Client care level
- Staff training
Identified Attributes

Dementia specific days
Integrated days
Mainstream days
Number of clients with dementia
Number of CALD clients
Number of staff directly working with clients
Number of volunteers directly working with clients
Identified Models

- **Eden Alternative**
  *Normal activities in a homelike environment*

- **Person centred**
  *Individualising care and activity*

- **No identified model**
  *Traditional day centre, structured activity*
Group Behaviour Profile

- Eden model
- No ID model

% of Time

Behaviour Categories:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P R S T U W X Y Z
## Personal Enhancers/Personal Detractions

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<th>Dementia Specific Day Centre</th>
<th>Model of care</th>
<th>Client staff ratio</th>
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What can we conclude?

• Does a different style of dementia specific day centre define well being?

• Are there any particular behaviours that relate to models of care?

• Is DCM a valid tool for measuring well being in a day centre?