

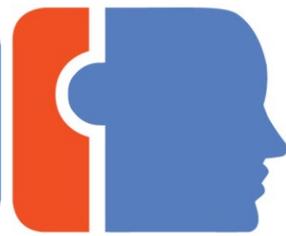


## Individual Commitments

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Health service managers	
• I will promote the importance of cognitive impairment (such as delirium and dementia) as a quality and safety issue	✓
• I will support staff to be alert to delirium and risk of harm from cognitive impairment	✓
• I will support staff to implement delirium prevention strategies	✓
• I will develop a system to screen for cognitive impairment and develop a safety and quality pathway	✓
• I will support carers to be partners in care, if they choose	✓
Health professionals in hospital	
• I will learn about delirium and dementia and other forms of cognitive impairment	✓
• I will learn about screening for cognitive impairment	✓
• I will learn how to prevent delirium	✓
• I will learn how to keep a person with cognitive impairment safe	✓
• I will care for a person with dementia or delirium with dignity, respect and compassion	✓
• I will learn the best ways to reduce a person's disorientation, agitation and distress	✓
• I will work with carers as partners in care, if they choose	✓
• I will communicate cognitive care status and needs at transfer	✓
Consumers	
• I will learn about delirium and be aware of the risk when I or the person I care for goes to hospital	✓
• I will learn how I can assist in preventing delirium or with managing it	✓
• As a carer, I will inform clinicians about the usual cognitive state of the person I care for, if they are unable to do so	✓
• As a carer, I will let the clinicians at the hospital know if the person I care for is not their normal self on admission or any time during their hospital stay	✓
• I would like to be a partner in care to the extent of my ability	✓

# CARING FOR COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT



Hospital Care and Support Staff	
• I will learn about delirium and dementia and other forms of cognitive impairment	✓
• I will learn how to communicate with someone with cognitive impairment	✓
Primary health/community	
• I will let the hospital know if the person I care for has a diagnosis of dementia or another form of cognitive impairment or if I suspect they might have some form of cognitive impairment, including delirium before admission	✓
• I will learn how I can assist with preventing, recognising and managing delirium and with supporting a person with cognitive impairment in the community, including when a person transfers from hospital	✓

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