



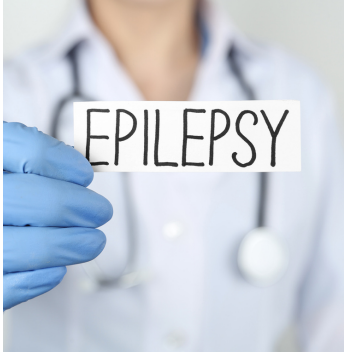
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EPILEPSY POLICY

Easy Read Guide



EPILEPSY



Some participants might have **epilepsy**



Epilepsy is a brain disorder that leads to a person having repeated seizures



Interaction will make sure that participants who have epilepsy are treated with dignity and respect



Interaction respects your human rights, and wants you to live confidently and happily

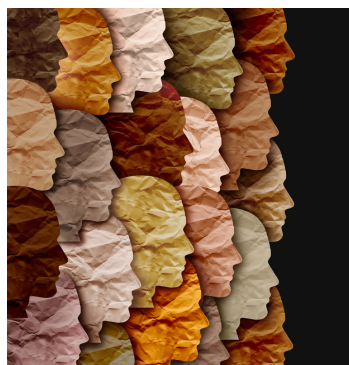
YOUR RIGHTS



You have a right to quality healthcare



You have a right to making decisions about your care and treatment for epilepsy



Your care and treatment should reflect your cultural background



For example it should be appropriate culturally, and with your gender, disability and other needs

STAFF MANAGEMENT



Interaction will support participants with epilepsy and will help you by following an epilepsy management plan.



Sometimes staff need to monitor you more closely to keep you safe



We will be careful about this, maintain your privacy and promote your health and safety.



Staff will have training on how to respond to a seizure

EPILEPSY MANAGEMENT PLAN



All participants diagnosed with epilepsy must have an Epilepsy Management Plan endorsed by a health practitioner such as their GP or neurologist.



The Epilepsy Management Plan will be utilised by staff to guide support



Staff will involve you in developing your Epilepsy Management Plan



Participants with epilepsy and their Epilepsy Management Plan must be seen by a neurologist or specialist doctor at least every 12 months

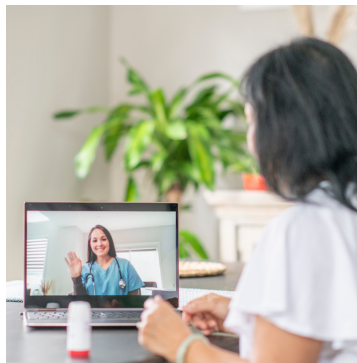
SEIZURE



The epilepsy management plan will help staff know what to do when you have a seizure, if your seizure lasts for a long time and when to call an ambulance



If you require special medication during a seizure, staff will be trained how to give it to you



Staff who are familiar with your epilepsy will come along to medical appointments to give up to date records of seizures and medications



Staff will make sure your home uses furniture and fittings that minimise the risks of injury during a seizure

BATHROOMS



When you have epilepsy and have ongoing seizures and live in supported accommodation, staff need to supervise you in the shower unless a doctor says staff no longer need to



This is just in case you need help when having a seizure



Staff will not be watching what you do in the bathroom but are just checking you are OK



Interaction would prefer you have a shower rather than a bath as this can be safer for you