**The SBARD Communication Tool for Care Homes**

Prior to contacting a resident’s GP or a Health Care Professional, it would be useful to gather some key information to ensure clear communication.

**Situation:** I am …………………… calling from………………………………… calling about……………………………….. because I am concerned that …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

**Background:**  *Describe what is happening, state how long this has been going on and (if known) any relevant medical history (e.g. stroke, dementia, history of falls). What actions have already been taken?*

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**Assessment Date:**

I have checked:

1. Urinalysis is; …………………………………………………………………………………...
2. Temperature is; ……………………………………………………………………………….
3. Blood Pressure is; …………………………………………………………………………….
4. Breathing is; …………………………………………………………………………………...
5. Any change in levels of confusion? …………………………………………………………
6. The resident complains of pain, …………………………………………………………….
7. If so where? ……………………………………………………………………………………
8. Have there been any recent falls? ………………………………………………………….
   1. Dates ……………. , …………… & ……………
9. Bowels were last opened on?
   1. Texture: Normal / Loose / Constipated
10. Sleep pattern is ……………………………………………………………………………….
11. Food and fluid intake is; ……………………………………………………………………...

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**Recommendation:**

I need telephone advice from GP/Health Professional.

I need a GP/Health Professional to visit.

**Decision:**

It is agreed that GP/Health Professional will:

Call back between …………… & ………….. or visit ……………………………………………….

**Outcome:** …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………...