Identifying Oppressive Practice



Issue

Legislation / Guidance / Principle Violated

Lack of choice in daily routines (e.g. no say in meals, activities, bedtime)

- Care Act 2014: well-being principle requires people have control over day-to-day life.
- Human Rights Act 1998: Includes the right to autonomy, physical and psychological integrity.

Restrictive rules without individual risk assessment (blanket restrictions)

- Care Act 2014: promoting dignity, preventing discrimination and protecting individuals from abuse and neglect.
- Mental Capacity Act (MCA) Least Restrictive Principle.

Poor use of advocacy / residents' voices ignored

- Care Act 2014: person-centred practice, involving people in assessments and care planning.
- MCA (Mental Capacity Act) 2005: rights to representation / advocacy where capacity is in question.

Ignoring identity, culture, personal preferences

Equality Act 2010 — requires services to make reasonable adjustments, avoid discrimination.

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