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Herbert Protocol

Is someone you know or care for living with dementia?

North Wales Police is committed to becoming a dementia friendly organisation. As part of this commitment the Force is implementing the Herbert Protocol.

The aim of the scheme is to help keep people who are living with dementia safe, particularly if, as their condition progresses, they start to 'walk about' which is not unusual following diagnosis. Often people will only travel a short distance, maybe into the garden or down the street and will return a short time later. However, some people can get lost and go missing. This can lead to feelings of confusion, fear and vulnerability for individuals and their families, particularly at night-time or in inclement weather conditions.

The Herbert Protocol is designed to assist in locating individuals safe and well should they go missing and provide reassurance to family and friends that the police have all the information they need to help locate the individual. The Herbert Protocol is a national initiative adopted by North Wales Police, as well as many other police forces around the UK.

Information to help to search for someone with dementia

It is important that individuals with a diagnosis of dementia are able to live well with the condition. The Herbert Protocol is not there to place restrictions on anyone or on their way of life. The Herbert Protocol is there to put a system in place that will help to give the emergency services the best possible information should there be a need for them to become involved in a search for someone with dementia.

The Herbert Protocol is a form which is kept at home, or in a safe place, with important information about a vulnerable person. Should they go missing, information is easily on hand about routines, medical requirements and favourite places to visit and can be handed over to the police, alleviating the worry of collecting it together during a stressful time.

Please use the link below for more details of how to join/use Stay Safe Herbert

<https://www.north-wales.police.uk/advice-and-support/stay-safe/herbert-protocol>