



Meet Linda

Registered Manager, Yews Tree residential home

Over the years she has taken many training courses to develop her practice, such as Care for the Dying and Nutrition. She also achieved the A1 Assessor qualification so she could support her staff in their own professional development.

She progressed from a junior carer to a senior carer role and from there she was promoted to become deputy manager. She is now a registered manager for another care home.

What would she say to others interested in a career in care?

Linda believes that although training is vital to developing your skills and knowledge, you can't just train anyone to care. It's important you have the right values and behaviours to work in social care; and over time you can develop the skills and knowledge.

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Linda has also found that being involved in local networks has supported her professional development. She attends her local My Home Life programme, a local strategic partnership and a Skills for Care registered managers network. These enable her to network with other professionals and share good practice.

