

MINDFUL MOMENTS

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STRESS AWARENESS AND MANAGING
THE WELLBEING OF CARE WORKERS

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empowerment
 gratitude forgive SHARE
 relationships patience activity
 attitude identify self-respect
 control **stress** RELEASE
 SUPPORT lifestyle connect expression
 relaxation purpose FOCUS LET GO
 confidence NETWORK therapy accept change
 nurture habits laughter resilience SLEEP FUTURE
 solutions FRIENDS socialize TALK
 trauma FEAR **management**
 anger FATIGUE PAIN negative
 despair worry AGING grief FAILURE
 frustration hormones SADNESS
finance DEPRESSION

Stress awareness in the care sector is a critical issue as care workers are regularly dealing with emotional, physical, and psychological demands.

Understanding it helps improve both staff wellbeing and quality of care.



What is Stress in the Care Sector?

Stress is the body's response to pressure or demand. In care settings (like hospitals, nursing homes, or care homes), stress often comes from high responsibility, emotional strain, and workload.



Common Causes of Stress

Care workers may experience stress due to:

- **Heavy Workload:** Long shifts, staff shortages
- **Emotional Demands:** Supporting unwell, elderly, or vulnerable people
- **Time Pressure :** Not enough time to complete tasks properly
- **Lack of Support :** Poor management or communication
- **Exposure to Trauma :** Illness, death, or distressing situations
- **Work-life Imbalance :** Irregular hours, night shifts



Signs and Symptoms

Stress can affect people in different ways:



► Behavioural:

- Reduced performance
- Absenteeism
- Withdrawal from colleagues



► Physical:

- Fatigue
- Headaches
- Sleep problems

► Emotional:

- Anxiety or irritability
- Feeling overwhelmed
- Low mood

Why Stress Awareness Matters

➤ Improves Patient Care



Less stress leads to better focus and compassion

➤ Protects Staff Wellbeing



Reduces burnout and mental health issues

➤ Reduces Staff Turnover



Happier employees stay longer

➤ Creates Safer Environments



Fewer mistakes and accidents

Ways to Manage and Reduce Stress



➤ For Individuals:

- Take regular breaks
- Practice relaxation techniques (deep breathing, mindfulness)
- Talk to colleagues or supervisors
- Maintain a healthy lifestyle

➤ For Employers:

- Provide adequate staffing
- Offer training and mental health support
- Encourage open communication
- Promote work-life balance
- Conduct regular stress risk assessments

Promoting Stress Awareness

- Training sessions on mental health
- Encouraging staff to speak up
- Creating a supportive workplace culture
- Recognising early warning signs



Key Takeaway

- Stress in the care sector is common but manageable. Raising awareness helps create healthier staff and better care outcomes.