

# Optimal NHS Service Delivery to Care Homes

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**OPTIMAL: Better health for care homes**

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‘...he told shareholders at the annual meeting on Friday, the no-frills airline should henceforth try not to "unnecessarily piss people off”’.

The Guardian, April 2013

- Health care delivery to care homes remains the primary responsibility of the NHS.
- The core aspects of health care delivery to care homes are covered under the GMS contract.

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Flexible and responsive communication with PHC staff  
Training encourages interest/enthusiasm in care  
Good personal relationships between CH and PHC staff-know names and understand roles

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GPs doing 'ward rounds'

Pre-visit preparation by care staff aid scheduled visits/assessments by PHC staff

Adherence to referral procedures and processes

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**Health services research**

## **Explaining the barriers to and tensions in delivering effective healthcare in UK care homes: a qualitative study**

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# Common problems

- Older people are very complicated.
- Trajectories are difficult to predict.
- Don't have the training.
- Resources are tight.
- Regulation is always present.
- Roles and responsibilities aren't clear.
- Communication is a problem.

# Provision of NHS generalist and specialist services to care homes in England: review of surveys

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# What currently happens

- GP:care home ratio between 30:1 and 1:1.
- Some GPs did weekly clinics, while others visited only on request.
- Up to 8 different types of nurses providing in-reach services
- 25% of trusts reported unequal access to physiotherapy and occupational therapy
- 35% reported unequal access to district nursing

Article in Press

## Relationships, Expertise, Incentives, and Governance: Supporting Care Home Residents' Access to Health Care. An Interview Study From England

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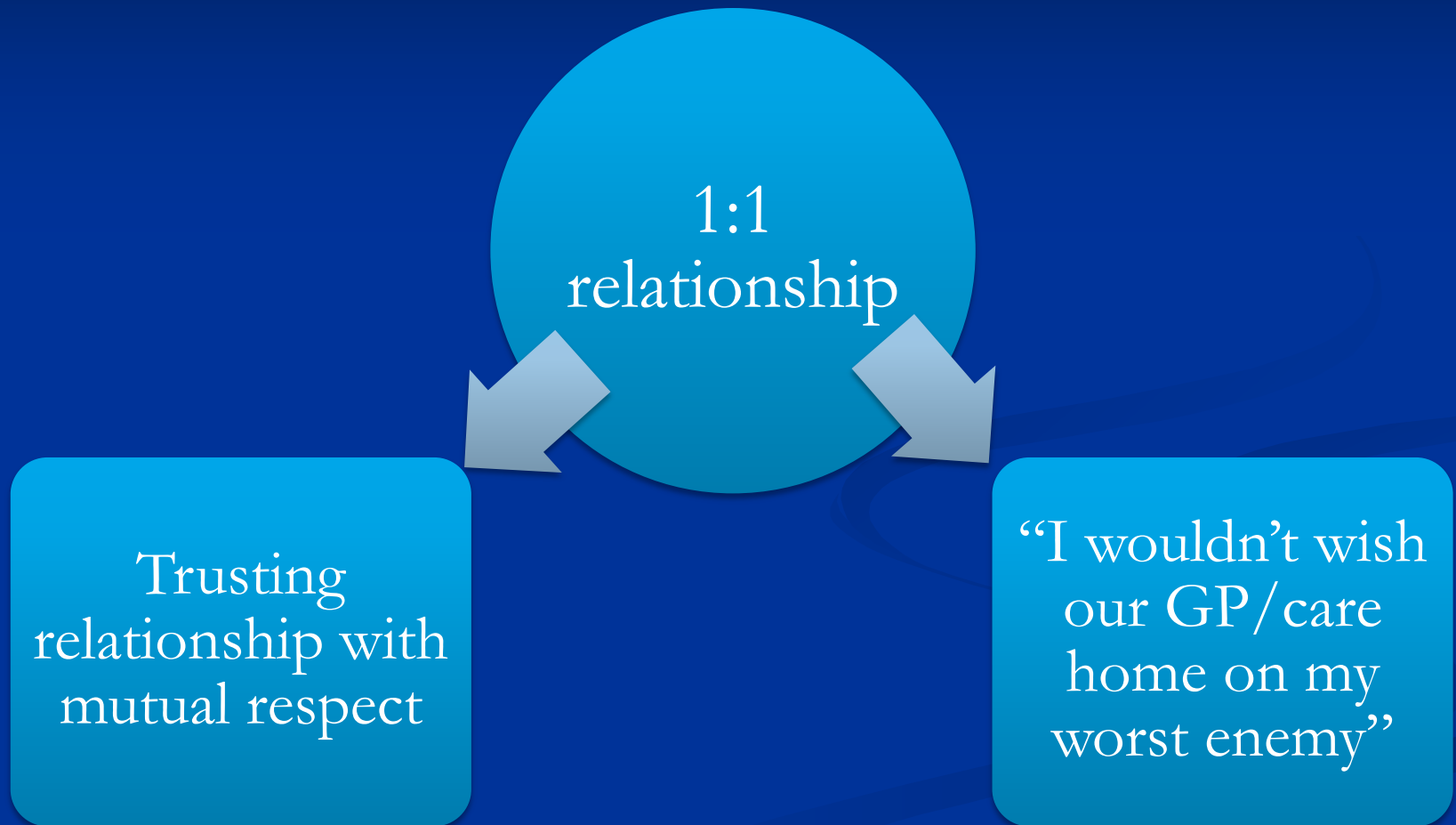
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# Solutions have focused around...

- Remuneration – carrot.
- Regulation – stick.
- Parachuting in troops.
- Generating social movements.

# Be careful what you wish for....



# Similar issues face

- Open ended “social movement” models.
- Incentivisation without accountability (too much carrot not enough stick).
- Expertise without appropriate linkages.
- Inadequate remuneration (too much stick, not enough carrot).

# Candidate theories

<b>Health care for older people resident in care homes achieves optimal outcomes when</b>	<b>How expressed in service delivery models/intervention research</b>
<b>Age appropriate care can be accessed by older people resident in long term care</b>	<b>Focus on maintenance and improvement of an individual's function, management of diseases and symptoms associated with old age through education, training and access to clinical experts</b>
<b>System based quality improvement mechanisms ensure staff (GPs and care home staff ) review residents' health status.</b>	<b>Interventions that use financial payments, audit, sanctions and system alerts to improve particular health care outcomes and adherence to protocols and guidance</b>
<b>Professional/ relational approaches to promote integrated working between visiting health care and care home staff are used</b>	<b>Emphasis on shared education and training, continuity of contact with clinical experts, co design and facilitation of learning between health and care home staff</b>





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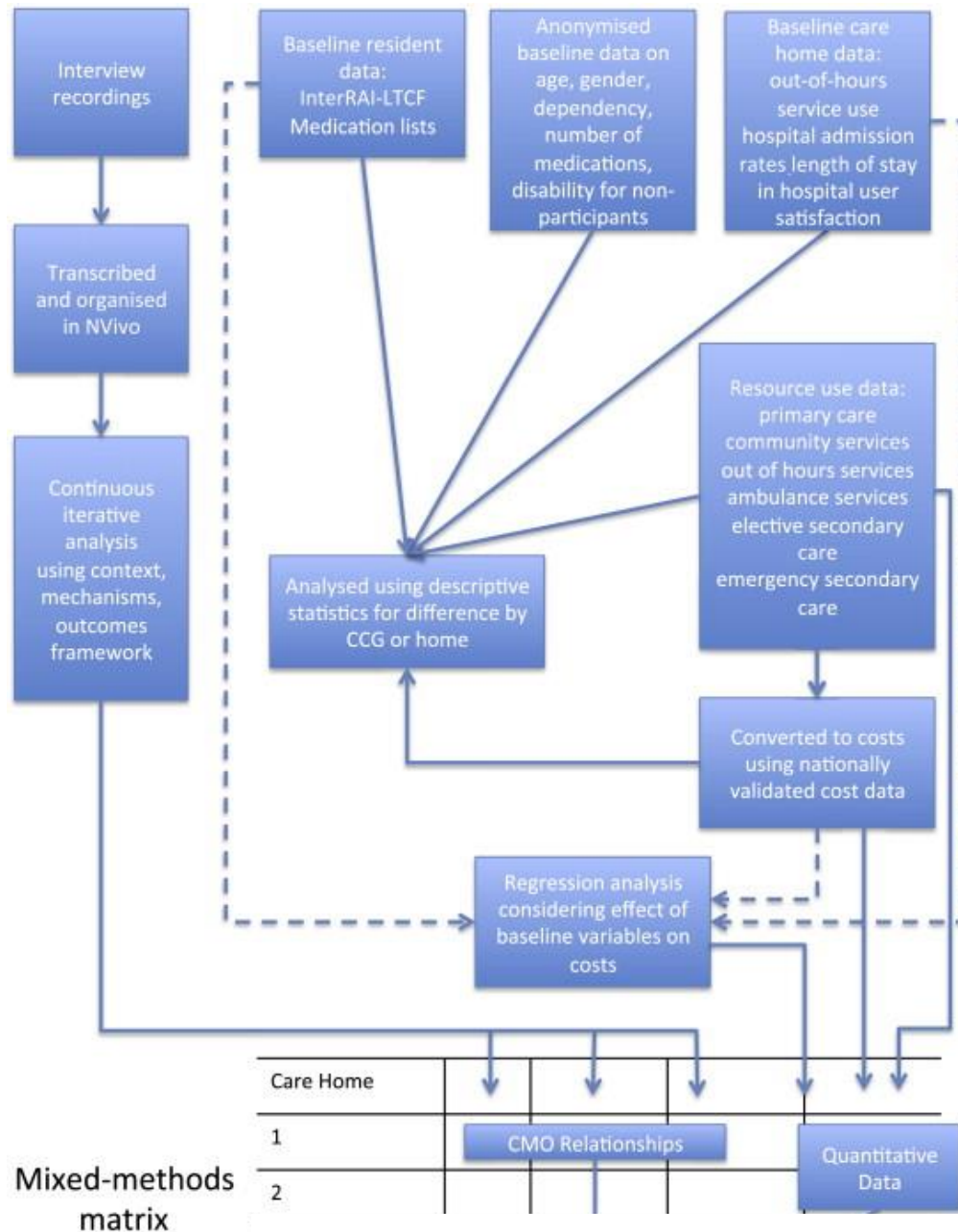
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## Comprehensive geriatric assessment – a guide for the non-specialist

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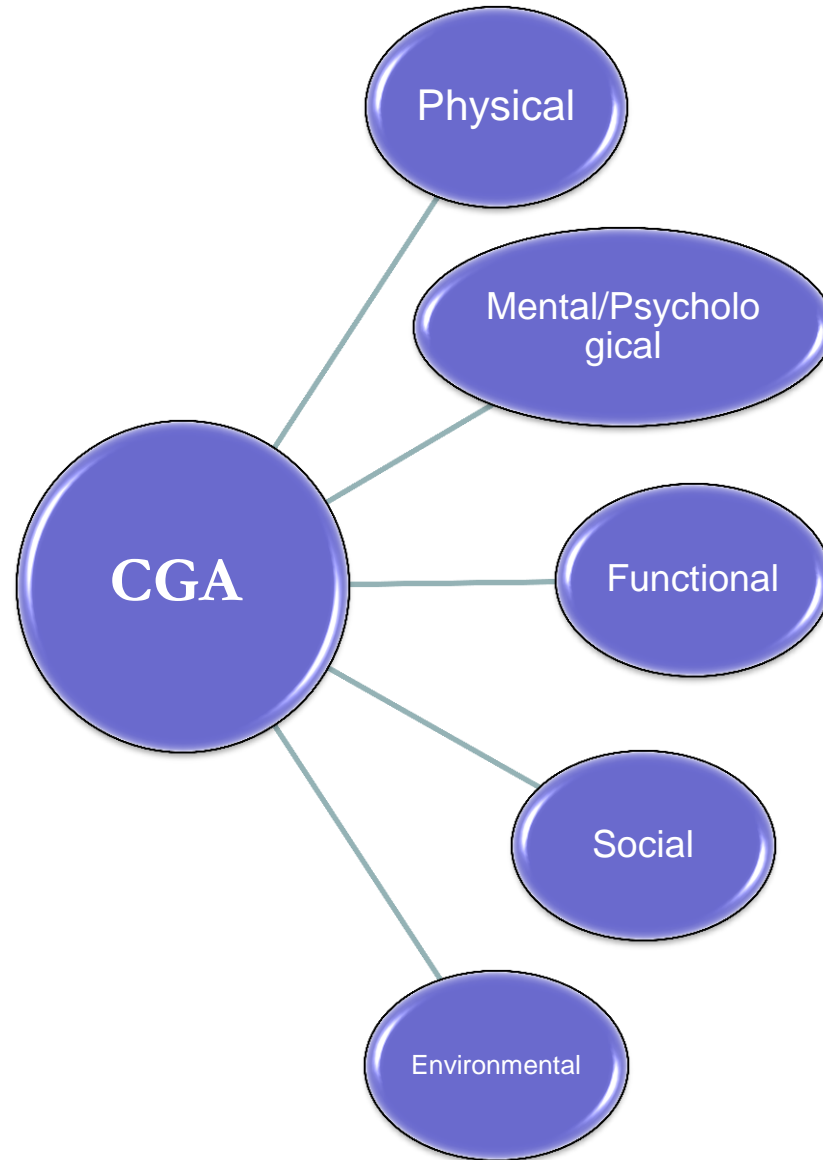


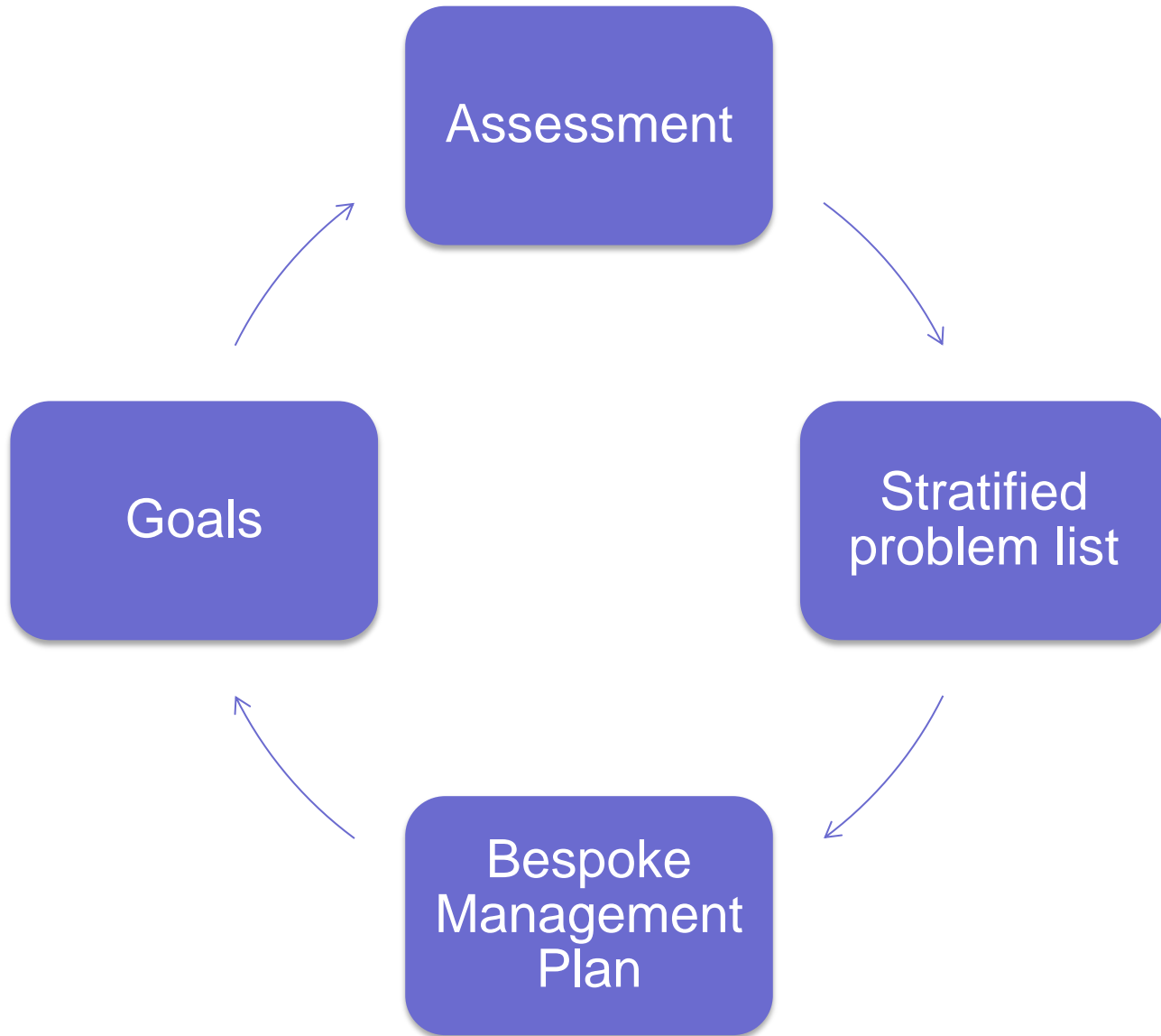
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THE PEACH STUDY

# Questions