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They form a key part of Hourglass's media, lobbying, and research work, and are ways in which victim-survivors of abuse and their families can effectively illustrate their stories of abuse.



CARE HOME COVER UP

Two care home workers were discharged after lying and covering up a dementia patient's fall after the victim was left alone in her room.

The defendants discovered the victim lying on the floor of her room and after putting her to bed and calling a nurse blamed the injuries around the victim's mouth on her dentures falling out. Only seven hours after the fall when further bruises were discovered on the victim's body was an ambulance called and the victim was taken to hospital where doctors found further injuries.

The two defendants were given 12-month conditional discharges after admitting ill treatment or wilful neglect, and order to each pay £85 costs. Following the incident, the care home was branded "inadequate" and put into special measures by the Care Quality Commission CQC.