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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 WORKER STRUCK OFF

A senior care worker and “role model in the care home” has been struck off for “the physical and mental abuse of vulnerable” dementia patients.

The defendant between July and September 2015 tied nightwear between victims' legs to stop them using their incontinence pads.

The defendant also mimicked and made fun of victims, on one occasion repeating the phrase “help me” a number of times after a care patient had used it, but failing to offer any help to that patient. The defendant also regularly swore at various victims on one occasion saying to a patient “don't fucking touch me, your hands are covered in shit” and to another “you can fucking sit down there.” One witness also remarked that the defendant tended to sleep a lot in the lounge while on duty.

The defendant was given a removal order by a fitness to practice committee after being found to have subjected elderly residents to ill treatment.