A resident is struggling with eating and drinking

Are they for end of life care?

Refer to palliative protocol. Contact the Wisdom Hospice end of life team for advice.

Has the resident lost weight because they are not eating?

Refer to Nutrition and Dietetics

Is it difficult to position resident for safe eating and drinking?

Refer to Nursing staff

Is the resident struggling with their cup or cutlery and you cannot resolve this in the home?

Refer to Occupational Therapy

Trial environmental/behavioural modifications: refer to 10 point checklist

Resident is still coughing when eating and drinking and or showing other signs of aspiration

Refer to Speech and Language Therapy

Resident is eating slowly. This looks effortful and it is distressing for them.

Trial a softer diet and contact Speech and Language Therapy

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