

Child Representation

Activity:	What needs to be set up:	When	Desired outcome
<p>Child representation.</p> <p>*Please ensure all staff and family are familiar with this engagement strategy by reading the DSA guidelines on 'The use of dolls in dementia care'.*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doll- please reflect on the choice of a male or female doll for the person. Staff are encouraged to consult with the resident's NOK to ensure this intervention does not cause distress. • Any available baby accessories (E.g., bassinet, bottle, baby wrap). • Seat the person comfortably in a warm quiet area before introducing the 'baby'. • It is recommended to treat the doll as if it is real. 	<p>When the person is looking for a quiet activity or is demonstrating early stages of feeling restless or bored.</p>	<p>The familiar activity of looking after a baby, holding the baby and sorting/folding the baby clothes may support wellbeing by providing a sense of purpose in persons day.</p> <p>This activity may help reduce feelings of boredom, anxiety, restlessness.</p>