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Topic 1 carers/care

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Topic 5 hospital

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Assignment question

Why is it important for carers to recognise the differences between public and private spaces? Your answer should refer to care provided in hospital, residential and domestic settings.

Answer

People consider their home their own private space which they are able to control and keep separate from any public spaces in which they live or work. However, should their circumstances change, and they find themselves in need of care, this private area may be encroached or they may have to spend time in a public space. This can be an uncomfortable experience whether care is delivered in public places such as hospitals or in residential and domestic environments. The ability to determine the differences between public and private spaces is therefore essential for those who wish to be skilled and effective carers as it affects the quality of their work in all care contexts. This essay will consider the differences between public and private spaces and how these can affect the behaviour of both carers and those receiving care in hospital, residential and private homes.