

## **Further information on privacy and dignity in continence**

A young person's dignity is undermined when personal/intimate care is delivered in a task-centred rather than person-centred way. For example, when:

- Their right to bodily privacy is discounted (e.g. sitting naked on the toilet in view of others).
- They are interrupted in personal or intimate care routines by other people accessing the area.
- Their own wishes during the care routines are not sought.
- Others make personal and demeaning comments about the child or young person's appearance or habits.
- Their personal concerns are discussed in the hearing of others.

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