



## Care environments: Exit

- 1. Principle 4:** Consider using a 'one way vision' sticker on a glass door panel. The image can be seen inside while still allowing views through the panel from the other side of the door. Framing it makes the door panel look like a piece of art, allowing it to blend in with the surrounding walls.
- 2. Principle 4:** Remove the door-handle or match the colour of the door handle and frame with the surrounding wall so that they are unobtrusive.
- 3. Principle 4:** Reduce, where possible, indicators of an exit whilst maintaining fire and emergency compliancy.
- 4. Principle 4:** Hide the security keypad in a concealed manner either via a compartment in the wall or using art or alternatively blending in colour.
- 5. Principle 3:** Repeating an element on the outside and the inside of the door aids orientation when going through. **Principle 6:** A prominent potted plant can also help to fill corners and ensure that movement is directed away from empty corners and into the main circulation path.
- 6. Principle 7 and 10:** Meaningful artwork on the walls that are familiar and tell a story can encourage reminiscence and engagement. **Principle 5:** Framed artwork that leads towards a communal space may also help to engage the interest of a person living with dementia, away from the exit and towards more meaningful opportunities.