

The Herbert Protocol

Knowsley Safeguarding Adults Board supports the Herbert Protocol.

What is the Herbert Protocol?

The Herbert Protocol has been introduced by Merseyside Police.

The Herbert Protocol is a national scheme that encourages carers, family and friends to provide and put together useful information, which can then be used in the event of a cared for person going missing.

The Herbert Protocol initiative is named after George Herbert, a War veteran of the Normandy landings, who lived with dementia.

What does it involve?

Carers and / or relatives and friends can complete a form in advance, which includes important information about the missing individual such as, their name, height, hair and eye colour, any marks, scars, or tattoos, as well as the contact numbers, it is helpful to provide a photograph of the person that looks like them around the time they went missing.

What do I do with the form?

Keep the form in a safe place, the form can be handed to the police if it's needed.

The scheme aims to help those caring for someone with dementia, and also in the event of someone going missing help the police to have the information they need promptly.

Trying to remember a lot of details when someone is missing can be stressful, having the form already completed with the information can help relieve some of the stress and upset.

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What do I do if I realise someone is missing?

If the person is not in the usual places you would expect to find them, call the police on 999. It is important that you do this as soon as possible, as soon as you let the police know that someone is missing, the sooner they can start to look for them.

Tell the police that you have a completed a Herbert Protocol form.

How do I get a copy of the form?

Click here for the form and more information about the [Herbert Protocol](#).