Benefits of a Life Story:

- It is an enjoyable process
- Provides an opportunity to reminisce about your unique life experiences
- Can help staff and volunteers
 get to know you better
- The finished product holds a brief account of your life and can help you to share your story with others

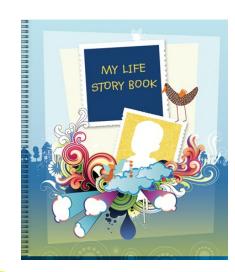






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Life Story Information Leaflet



What is a Life Story?

- A synopsis of your life
 which can help staff to
 build a better
 understanding of you as a
 person.
- A way of finding out what
 is important to you such as
 your memories,
 experiences, life events,
 values and beliefs.
- It is not a medical document.



What is involved?

- Gathering information, memorabilia and photographs.
- Meeting with your OT to help guide you through the process.
- You may wish to involve your family when gathering this information.

What does it include:

- Photographs of you throughout your life.
- Information you would like to share about yourself such as:
 - Where you grew up
 - Childhood memories
 - Your family
 - Previous jobs
 - Hobbies
 - Likes/dislikes
- This can be presented in a book or poster format.