

What is The Herbert Protocol

When a person goes missing, it is very distressing for family and friends and can be even more worrying when the missing person has Dementia. The Herbert Protocol serves as a proactive measure to safeguard individuals with dementia, ensuring that vital information is available to assist in their safe return.

The Herbert Protocol form that contains vital information about a person living with dementia, including:

- A recent photograph of the individual
- Details about their appearance and any medical conditions
- Health issues
- Important phone numbers to contact
- Places that hold significance for the individual, such as previous homes or familiar locations

Origin and Purpose

The protocol is named after **George Herbert**, a war veteran who lived with dementia and tragically went missing while searching for his childhood home. His experiences highlighted the need for a systematic approach to help locate vulnerable individuals quickly.

The Herbert Protocol aims to:

- Reduce the time taken for police and emergency services to gather information when a person goes missing.
- Ensures that the information is readily available when needed.

Filling Out the Form:

The form can be completed by family members, caregivers, or the individuals themselves. It is crucial to keep the information updated regularly to ensure accuracy.

Usage by Emergency Services:

The completed Herbert Protocol form can be provided to the police, allowing them to initiate a search with up-to-date information, providing maximum chances of finding the person.

If you believe a person has gone missing and you are concerned for their safety, call the police on 999 and tell the police operator that you have a Herbert Protocol.

Useful Links

<http://www.herbertprotocol.com>

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/what-s-happening/missing-persons/the-herbert-protocol>

A copy of the Herbert Protocol form can be found here: [Herbert-protocol-missing-person-form](#)

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