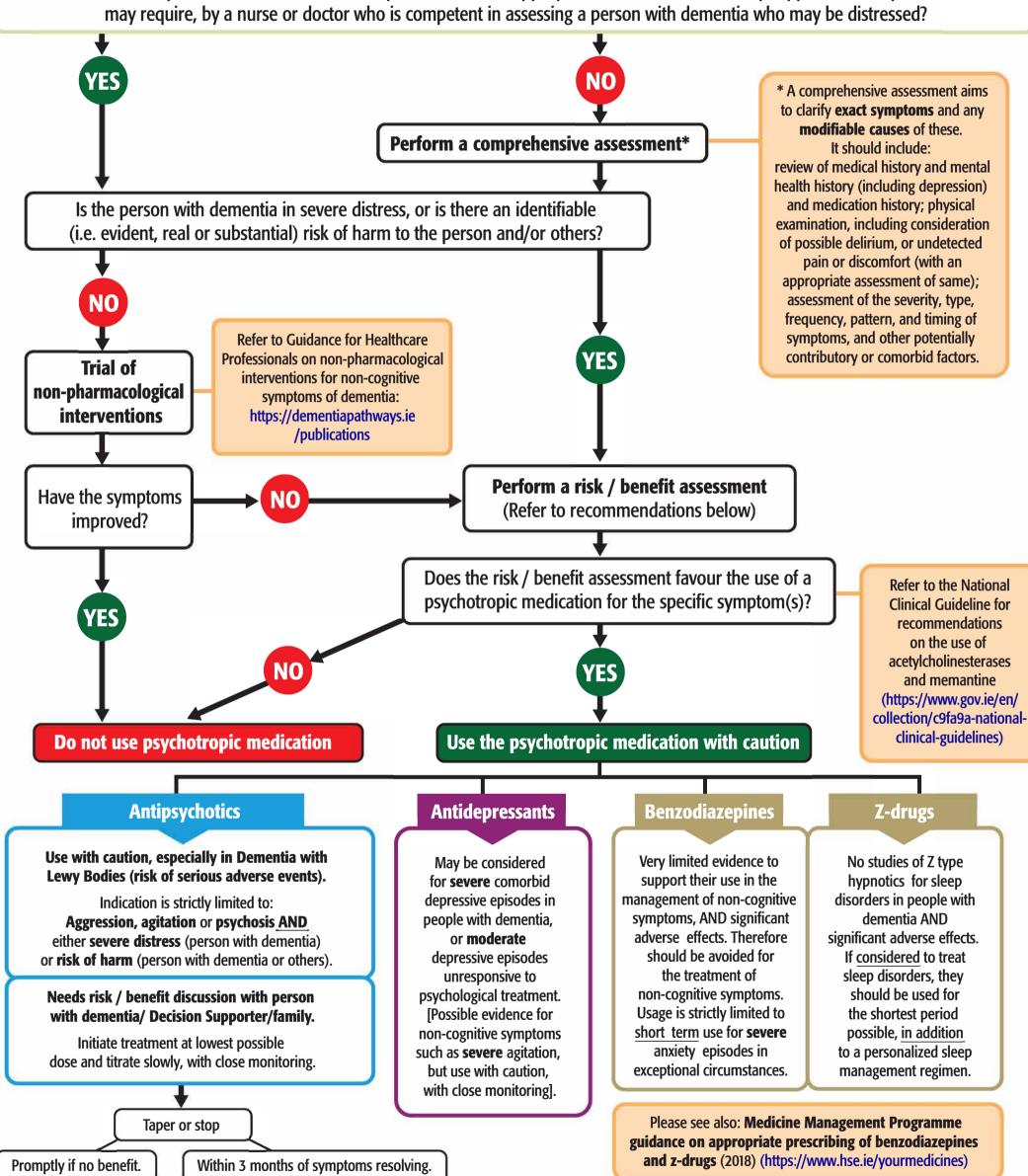


## ALGORITHM TO GUIDE APPROPRIATE PRESCRIBING OF PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION FOR NON-COGNITIVE SYMPTOMS IN A PERSON WITH DEMENTIA

This algorithm is for use in conjunction with "Appropriate prescribing of psychotropic medication for non-cognitive symptoms in people with dementia" (NCEC National Clinical Guideline No. 21; https://www.gov.ie/en/collection/c9fa9a-national-clinical-guidelines). Only persons with suitable expertise in treating people with non-cognitive symptoms of dementia should use this tool. NCEC National Clinical Guidelines and this algorithm do not replace professional judgment on particular cases, whereby the clinician decides that individual recommendations are not appropriate in the circumstances presented by an individual person with dementia, or whereby the person with dementia declines a recommendation as a course of action in their care or treatment plan. In these circumstances, the decision not to follow a recommendation should be appropriately recorded in the person with dementia's healthcare record. © Guideline Development Group October 2019

Has a comprehensive assessment\* been performed, in an appropriate environment, with any support that the person may require, by a nurse or doctor who is competent in assessing a person with dementia who may be distressed?



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