



Case study two: Vignette

Name: Robert (Bob) Woodgate

Gender: Male

Age: 87

Ethnicity: White British

Religion: C of E

Disability: Alzheimer's; hearing impairment; arthritis

First language: English

Family: extended family

Location: East Midlands town

Name: Edith Woodgate

Gender: Female

Age: 82

Ethnicity: White British

Religion: C of E

Disability: Vascular dementia; visual impairment; angina; diabetes

First language: English

Family: extended family

Location: East Midlands town

Extended family:

Daughter – Cathy, 64, works as a manager in a high street shop, lives 80 miles away; married to Dave; son Daniel 38, married to Rachel with 2 children Archie 5 and Hope 3

Son – Gary 59, works in a distribution centre in the same town as his parents, partner is Mark, no children

Daughter – Louise, would have been 62, died aged 46 of breast cancer, leaving a husband Keith aged 58, a retired police officer in a nearby town, who has married again to Sue; Louise and Keith had a daughter Lucy who is 36 and unmarried; Keith and Sue have a son Eric 30 and a daughter Christine 28

Bob and Edith have been married for 65 years. They live in a small bungalow that they moved to 3 years ago in the town that they have lived in since they got married. Bob and Edith have been retired for a long while. They enjoy spending time in the garden and go to the local pub quiz. Bob and Edith see their son and his partner most weeks. Gary does the heavy shopping for them. Cathy visits every month or so. Their middle child, Louise, died of breast cancer at the age of 46.

The grandchildren also visit every few months, along with the two great grandchildren.

Bob was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease 6 years ago and this has gradually affected his memory and ability to do daily tasks. For the last year he has relied on Edith to remind him and prompt him for everything. He doesn't sleep well and has started to forget who Edith is. Bob has been attending the memory clinic and also a group called singing for the brain. Bob has arthritis and uses a stick when he remembers to. He is in quite a lot of pain which he doesn't understand. He also has a hearing aid. Edith was diagnosed with vascular dementia a few months ago when Gary became concerned about her mixing up household tasks, for example putting shopping in the oven. Edith has glaucoma which is treated with eye drops daily. She also takes medication for angina and diabetes. Recently she has forgotten to do this some days.

Gary has rung social services and asked for an assessment for his parents. He is worried about their ability to look after each other, and is upset that Bob has recently been asking when Louise (their deceased daughter) is going to visit and this has been upsetting Edith.

You go out to do an assessment of Bob and Edith. Bob has a needs assessment.