

Acute Training Solutions

Dementia Advanced - Positive Risk Scenarios

Three scenarios for positive risk-taking. For each scenario work out an action plan to help achieve a positive outcome.

Scenario One

Doreen lives in her home of many years. She still wants to go to her favourite local pub. How would you help Doreen weigh up the dangers of road safety, getting lost, and money control or would you choose to be Risk Averse that may lead to becoming a prisoner in her own home with reduced activity, interaction and stimulation, plus the loss of another role she's long had in her life?

Scenario Two

Felix is becoming increasingly forgetful and has been found wandering lost in the local area. If Felix went into a care home, he could be supervised and supported. But if he wishes to stay in his home. What are the risks in making this choice? By positive risk-taking, how could you help Felix and what support would be required?

Scenario Three

June lives at home and enjoys making herself a cup of tea and a simple snack when she wants. Her family think June should not use electrical appliances or sharp knives. What are the risks that June might harm herself with hot or sharp implements? Are these greater than the risks to her of inactivity and loss of skills and independence? What would you recommend?