

Keeping risk person-centred

Practice scenario 1

Mrs Jones is 72 and has dementia. She lives in a local authority care home. The care home is set in large grounds and Mrs Jones has always liked walking in the countryside. Initially her daughter, Susan, was pleased that her mother was in 'a place of safety'. However, the daughter is concerned that her mother is never allowed out. When Susan asked the manager about this, she replied it was because of the risk of her mother wandering.

Practice scenario 2

Mrs Smith is 68 and lives alone following the death of her husband a year ago. The only person who visits Mrs Smith is her 15 year old grandson. He visits every week on a Wednesday without fail. Mrs Smith has been telling neighbours that she loves her grandson visiting and wishes she had more money and 'things' to give him. The neighbour alerts social services as Mrs Smith never appears to have any money and is regularly complaining that she has run out of her medication.