

Examples Of Telecare In Action



Case Study – Home Safety



Client Profile:

Mr B. aged 87 lived alone with early stage dementia and had suffered several mini strokes. He also had arthritis in his knees making him prone to falling, and consequently he needed a frame to mobilise. He had used a pendant and alarm since August 1999. Mr. B's daughter was concerned that electrical appliances were being left on and that in the event of a fire her father would be unlikely to escape or raise the alarm if the smoke had overcome him.

Role of Telecare:

His daughter saw an advertisement about telecare smoke alarms and arranged an assessment for her father at his home. Smoke detectors were in place, but it was decided that he would benefit from a smoke alarm that would automatically contact the care centre through a telecare alarm, as his ability to understand the meaning of the audible warning tone or to evacuate the house unaided was now in question.

Outcome:

Mr. B's daughter reports that she feels more confident that if there was a fire it would be detected much sooner and assistance called for without delay. She is also reassured that the Fire Crew in attendance would know that Mr B's mobility and comprehension of the situation is limited.