

att case studies

Mr Dobson



Background

Mr Dobson lived alone and had recently been diagnosed with dementia. Also, due to his increasing confusion and physical frailty, he had been referred to the reablement service.

During his reablement, it became clear that Mr Dobson was struggling to remember to take his medication at the correct time and he also needed regular reassurance due to his confusion. However, Mr Dobson was also very clear that he wanted to continue living in his home, but needed help to do so.

What gadgets were used?

Wrist-worn falls detector via a Reach+ system

Automatic medication dispenser

* The reablement service helped Mr Dobson to learn how to use both pieces of equipment.

The result

The wrist-worn falls detector automatically raises an alert if Mr Dobson has a fall. It can also be used by Mr Dobson to raise an alert for any other reason – all he has to do is press a button. Mr Dobson has family members living locally who can respond to any alerts by visiting him straight away.

The medication dispenser makes a noise when medication is due, and is programmed to only dispense the correct dose at the correct time. If any medication is not taken, the dispenser can raise an alarm with Mr Dobson's family members via the Reach+ unit. The Reach+ system has also been programmed to play reminders to Mr Dobson to take other medication that is not suitable for the dispenser – in this case, a liquid.

Mr Dobson's ATT equipment has given both him and his family the confidence that he can continue to live independently. Also, following reablement everyone involved agreed that Mr Dobson did not require any additional services beyond the ATT already mentioned.



Wrist-worn
fall detector



Reach-plus



Pill dispenser