

## **Mr Potter**

Mr Potter is a Jehovah's Witness. He lives alone and has no relations. He has friends in his religious community, but he is not active in the life of the church any more because of his mobility problems.

Mr Potter is very close to his home-care assistant who has known for a long time. She is not a Jehovah's Witness, but she and Mr Potter have had many discussions over the years and she is very aware of his views.

He suddenly collapsed at home one day and was found by the home care assistant. He was rushed to the hospital and needed emergency surgery. He was unconscious by the time he reached hospital and doctors were of the opinion that he would die if not operated on.



- On a separate sheet, answer the following questions on the case study. You are required to use appropriate language to demonstrate your understanding of equality, diversity and rights.
  - Remember, you will be assessed on this work, so write in full sentences, taking care with your spelling, grammar and punctuation.
1. When Mr Potter was an active member of his church, how could he have been marginalised in society?
  2. Describe a situation in which he may experience discrimination.
  3. Should the home-care assistant advise doctors of Mr Potter's beliefs? Should she act on his to prevent the administration of a blood transfusion?
  4. Is it different when someone like Mr Potter is unconscious and cannot speak for himself?
  5. How could the medical staff ensure that Mr Potter's rights are maintained?