I AM A HUMAN BEING

Susan worked for over 30 years in a job and was married

Susan got married 4 days before Allan died of Cancer of the Oesophagus who she had lived with for many years

Susan worked as a packer at Greenfield Paper Mill for over 30 years where Father worked

Susan's complex leg operation - background

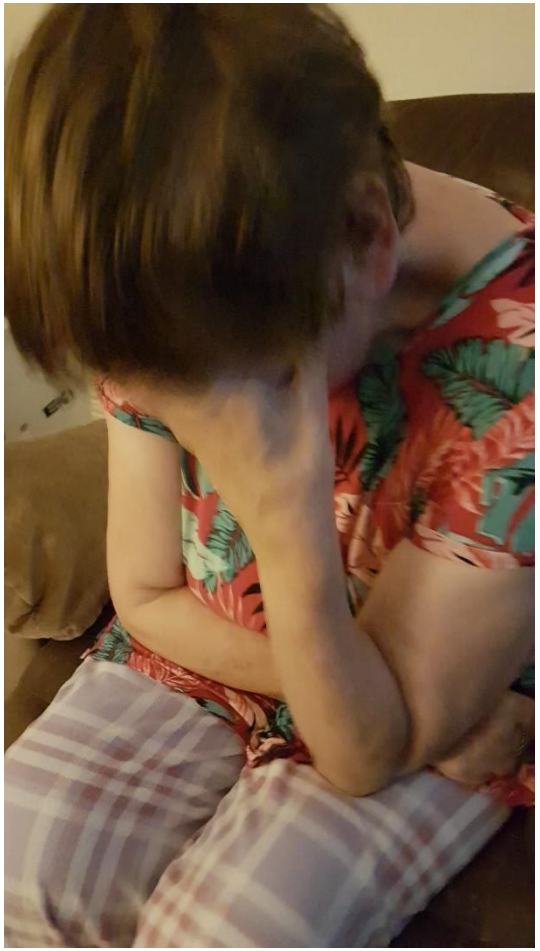
- Susan had an accident 30 years ago resulting in a deformed knee
- In the past 2 years her knee has collapsed twice resulting in not being able to walk
- With her complex needs of Autism and learning disabilities this had a negative effect on her behaviour.
- We were told it may result in permanently not being able to walk if she did not have surgery soon
- Susan decided to have elective surgery with my support
- We obtained a Hospital Passport explaining her disabilities
- As Power of Attorney I agreed, and had a meeting to explain her complex needs and agreed to stay with Susan while in hospital

Susan's Operation

The operation was a complete success.

- Susan needed 3 people to assist her to go to the toilet after the operation
- Rehabilitation unit refused to admit her for rehabilitation
- Reason given: TOO MOBILE!

Susan's Aftercare - Community



- Discharged home 2 days after operation
- No discharge plan
- I was the only support giving her controlled drugs, injections and 24 hour care

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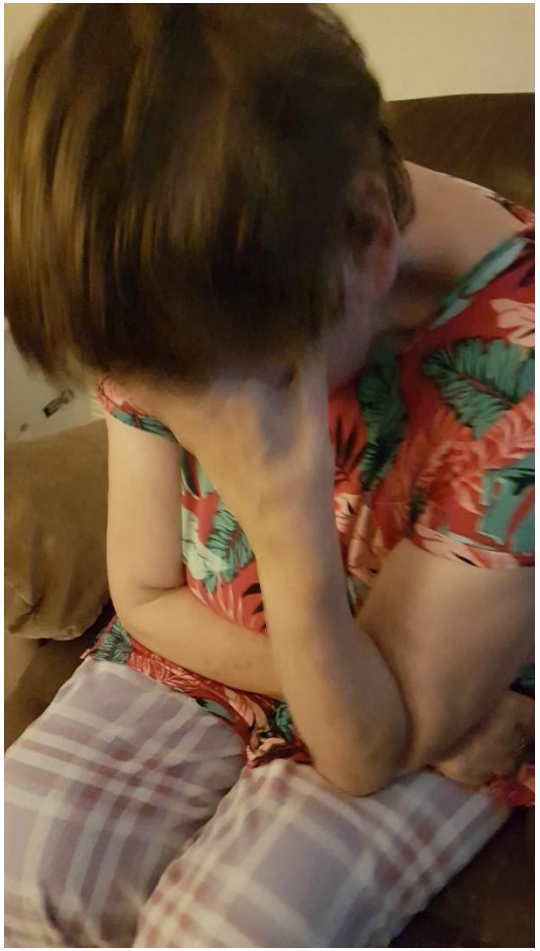

- Susan's normal GP rang Crisis Team
- No system put in place for support
- Social worker tried to get agencies to help but no suitable help available
- District Nurse came on day 8 to help with injections but not drugs

Susan' Aftercare- Community

- Day 14 – Susan in agony!
- Locum GP attend, only after I pleaded, did he refer her to Rehabilitation unit.
- Emergency admittance to Rehabilitation Unit

Susan' Aftercare- Butler Green

- Day 19 – Susan taken to A&E by brother from Rehabilitation Unit pain not resolved.
- Susan became so distressed after 10 hour wait. My brother thought she was going to have an epileptic fit!

Susan' Aftercare- Hospital

- Day 20 – Admitted to hospital for tests. Susan in agony!
- Day 21 – Aspiration of knee performed without any pain relief! Susan screaming!

Susan' Aftercare- Hospital

- Day 22 – Susan discharged back to Rehabilitation Unit
- Day 29 – Multi-disciplinary meeting. At Rehabilitation unit said Susan was not on Oxycontin???

Susan' Aftercare- Hospital

- Day 32 – Susan manic and aggressive! Family believe suffering withdrawal
- Day 33 – Discharge home. Susan in significant pain
- No re-enablement team support as promised

Susan' Aftercare- Hospital

- Day 37 – Susan manic, in agony! withdrawal???
- Locum GP attended
- GP wanted to send her to A&E for mental health assessment on a Friday night
- She would probably have been SECTIONED!!

Susan's Recovery

With my support Susan is now cycling, swimming and up to 2.5k walking

She is training for
Race for life event to raise money for Cancer Research!

What could have happened

Susan could have overdosed on Oxycontin

Susan could have been SECTIONED

MAKE POSITIVE CHANGES

WHAT IF THIS HAD BEEN YOU OR YOUR FAMILY?

I WANT TO HELP MAKE POSITIVE CHANGES

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING