

## **Appendix A - Case study**

### Person:

Person A is 87yrs and lives with her husband in an owner occupied property.

### Referral:

London Ambulance called raising concerns over state of property, rubbish stacked everywhere. No central heating, couple using a calor gas which is a fire hazard.

Person A was admitted to hospital following a fall. Hospital staff raised concerns over filthy dressing on legs and very poor mobility and not being safe to return home due to the hoarding.

The couple have lived in neglected environment for some years. Person A's suffered general deterioration in her health and diagnosis of dementia. There are a number of cats that are allowed to access the property over the years and Person A refers to the cats as her children, the couple had lost a baby. The couple are very isolated and had a tendency to also sleep in the car.

As Person A does not have capacity, best interest meeting was set up and it was agreed that it would not be appropriate for Person A to return home at that stage and the couple are supported with clean of the property so that Person A can return home.

### Professional involvement:

- Referral to Vulnerable Adult panel
- Joint work with ASBIT team
- Occupational Therapist input in planning move back home.
- Fire Brigade visited to risk assess.

### Outcome:

Taken over 6 months to clean up property due to budget constraints.

Now planning to see what repairs required and arranging appropriate care for Person A