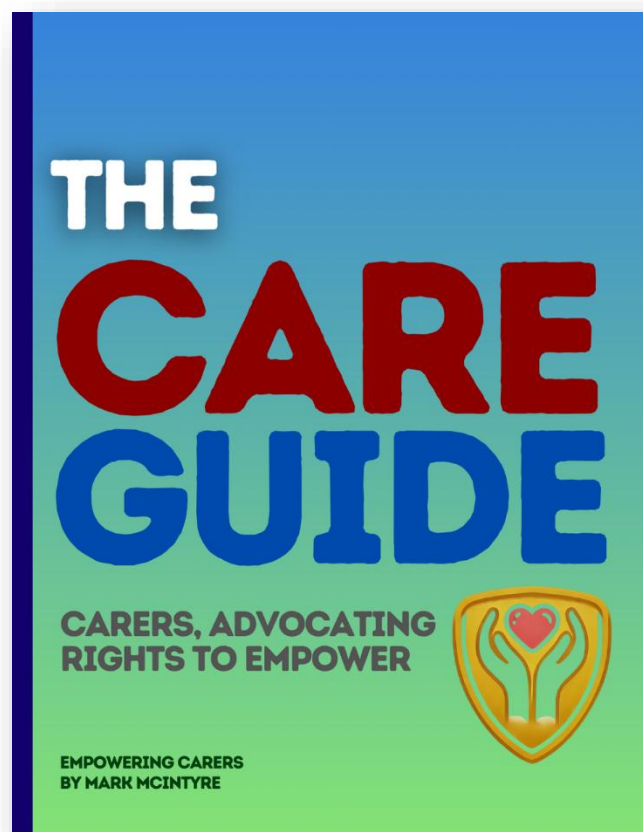


STORY 15

The Right to Privacy

Reflection and Teaching Aid

Section B of The Care Guide – Advocacy Stories



Training Resource Sheet

Story 15: Plink the Gnome: The Right to Privacy

(From Section B – Advocacy Stories)

Story Summary

Plink the Gnome treasures his peaceful home, but his neighbour Jibber constantly barges in without knocking—interrupting meals, reading time, and even showing up uninvited in the morning. Plink tries to be polite, but his frustration grows. When Jibber insists “neighbours don’t need permission,” Plink turns to Sandy the Dragon Lawyer. Sandy explains that everyone has the right to decide who enters their space and when. With support, Plink helps the village establish clearer respect for privacy. The story affirms the right to personal space and boundaries.

Training Focus Areas

1. **Recognising the Importance of Privacy**
 - What does privacy mean in a care setting?
 - Why is it important for wellbeing, autonomy, and safety?
 2. **Respecting Physical and Emotional Boundaries**
 - How do we ensure personal space is respected, especially in shared environments?
 - What about respecting information privacy and quiet time?
 3. **Balancing Support with Dignity**
 - How do we help while avoiding overstepping?
 - When do our actions unintentionally reduce someone’s sense of ownership?
 4. **Embedding Respect for Privacy in Daily Routines**
 - How do we train teams to prioritise knocking, asking, and waiting?
 - How do we protect privacy in shared rooms or busy environments?
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Discussion Questions

- Have you ever felt like your personal space was invaded? How did it affect you?
- How can we check that service users feel respected in their space and decisions?
- What small habits might signal respect or disrespect for privacy?
- How do we respond when a colleague downplays the importance of boundaries?

Practical Actions

- **Role Play:** Practise entering someone's space respectfully—knocking, asking permission, and acknowledging their response.
 - **Reflective Task:** Observe your current routines. Are there any moments when privacy is unintentionally breached?
 - **Weekly Challenge:** Focus on reinforcing privacy in one shared or communal area each day—notice what improves.
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Key Learning Outcome

Privacy is a fundamental right, not a favour. Respecting it builds dignity, trust, and a safer care environment.

How to Use This Resource

Use this during safeguarding, dignity training, or staff induction. Plink's story invites reflection on how everyday habits affect someone's sense of security and control.

Date:

Time:

Place:

Name of presenter:

Names of staff in attendance:

Name of service users taking the lesson:

Feedback: