

Peace of mind that care and support needs will be met as dementia progresses.

Age of person being monitored: 87

Vulnerability: Living with dementia

Property/dwelling type: three-bedroom ground floor flat

Monitoring technology used: Main Sensor, additional Room Sensors

Overview

Mrs A is 87 and lives with dementia, alone in a three-bedroom ground floor flat. With a strong family support network and a daily visit from a carer, Mrs A is not often left on her own for long periods of time.

Understanding that Mrs A's dementia would progressively inhibit her abilities over time, Mrs A's family wanted reassurance that their mother was OK at times when she is alone. This is usually at night and in the morning, and could often mean cooking unattended, which is a particular concern for the family as Mrs A becomes increasingly forgetful.

Mrs A's family installed TextCare, with the Main Sensor in the hallway, together with additional room sensors in the kitchen and bedroom.



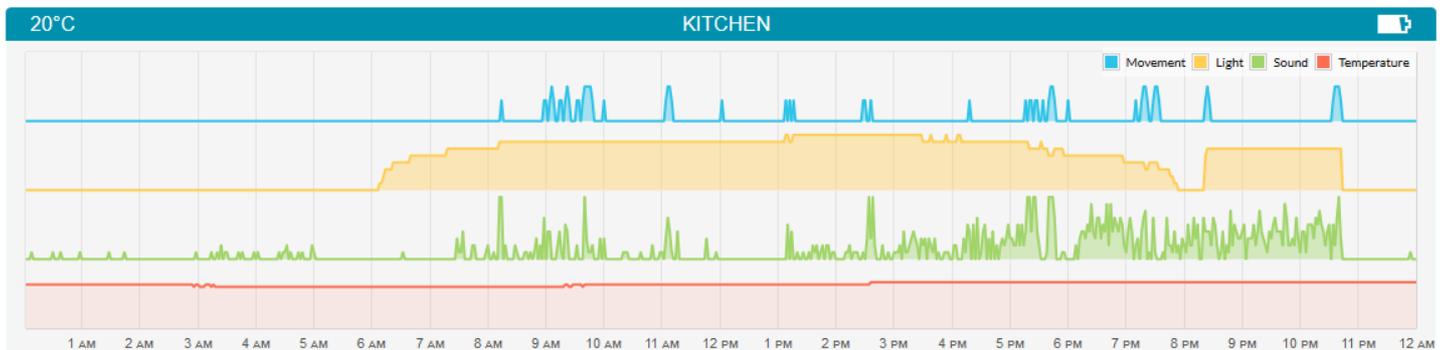
Results

Alerts have been setup by Mrs A's family to let them know if there is no movement at times when they expect there should be.

On one particular day, Mrs A's family were alerted that there had been no movement, which prompted a visit from a family member. Fortunately, Mrs A had simply fallen asleep and there was no emergency.

Movement sensors have shown that Mrs A is currently capable of getting herself up in the morning and putting herself to bed at night.

Regular bathroom visits have been recorded, showing that Mrs A is maintaining her personal hygiene. While regular visits to the kitchen show that Mrs A is capable of making a cup of tea and a light snack.



Impact

TextCare has provided Mrs A's family with evidence of their mother's capabilities and enabled them to further adapt the care that she receives to meet her needs. Daily monitoring means that as Mrs A's dementia progresses, her family will be aware of any changes in her routines and can make informed decisions about her future care.

TextCare's alert system has provided Mrs A's family with reassurance that they will know if all is not well when they cannot be with their mother.

"Mum is not left on her own for long periods of time but as time progresses, the 'safe' time will become shorter and shorter, and I'm sure TextCare will be of even greater benefit than it is at the moment."

Ms B, Daughter of Mrs A.