

The Reflective Practitioner (SJSI5022) – Assignment 2

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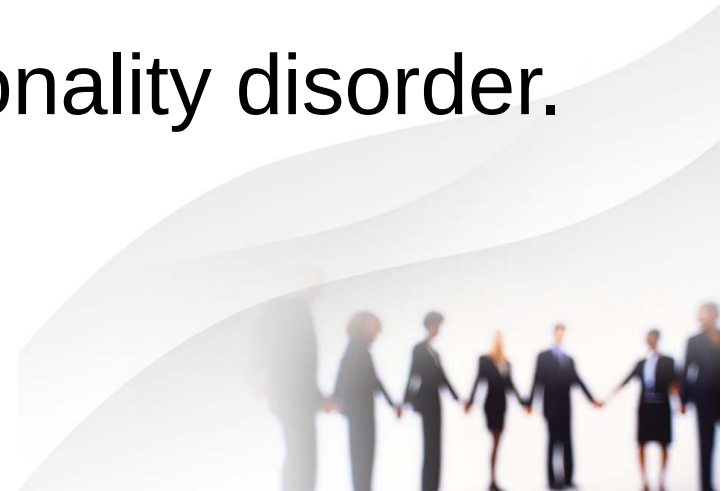


The Case Study

- Ms A. is a 35-year old woman.
- Currently looking for a place to move into.
- She wishes to live independently.
- She suffers from a range of mental and physical health issues.



- These health issues include: -
- Visual impairment,
- Renal failure,
- Diabetes, and an
- Emotionally unstable personality disorder.



Visual impairment

- Mobility and falls – fractures/brakes,
- Independence,
- Mental health.

(Teutsch et al, 2016)

(VisionAware, 2017)



Renal failure

- High blood pressure,
 - High blood sugar (diabetes),
 - Kidney stone or scar tissue could be blocking the kidney.
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- Acute renal failure,
 - Chronic renal failure.

(Urology Care Foundation, 2019)



Diabetes

- Diabetes can lead to health complications in the long and short term
- E.g.: -
 - Hypoglycemia,
 - Heart disease,
 - Nerve damage and amputations, and
 - Vision problems.

(Diabetes, 2019)



Emotionally unstable personality disorder

- The term 'borderline' is known for being misleading – as it implies that the individual almost have a personality.
- People with this disorder can suffer from/with: -
 - Recurrent self harm,
 - Threats of suicide,
 - Depression,
 - Impulsivity.

(Dr. Knott & Dr. Huins, 2016)



- Ms. A. was allocated a social worker for a need's assessment – to assess her eligibility for services under the Care Act 2015.
- The Care Act 2015.

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- Ms. A. was presented as stable.
- Wished to move into a property owned by the council.
- Her mental health was affected by the wait for her application to go through with the housing department.



Further complications

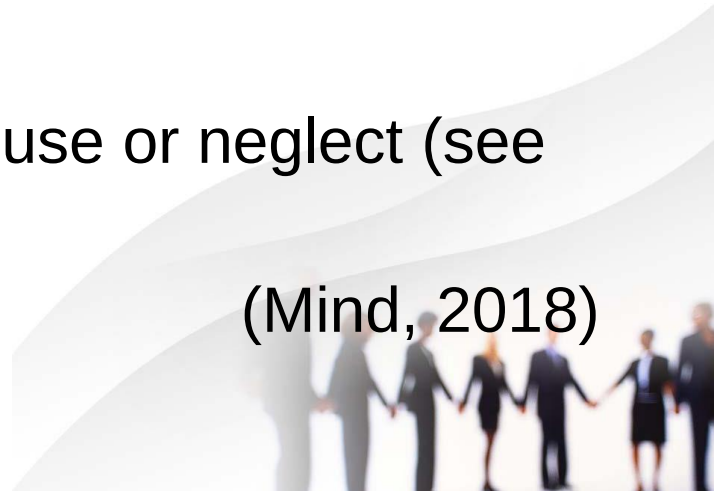
- Breakdown in her family – trauma from the loss of her brother,
- Intentional and unintentional homelessness,
- Regular hospital admissions,
- Harassing professionals,
- Withdrawing from support,
- Threatening to self harm and suicidal thoughts,
- Regular arrests by the police, and
- Inappropriate relationships with strangers.



Social Care

- Accommodation,
- Help at home with tasks such as shopping, cleaning and bathing,
- Day centres,
- Live-in care services
- Transport costs
- Counselling
- Adaptations to your home
- Supporting you if you're at risk of abuse or neglect (see our page on safeguarding).

(Mind, 2018)



Disability rights

- *‘Being free from discrimination*
 - *Getting information about your treatment*
 - *Seeing your medical records*
 - *Giving consent before receiving treatment’*
- (Mind, 2018)



How can we overcome these risks and ethical considerations?

- With the health issues –
- Vision loss
- Renal failure
- Diabetes
- Emotionally unstable personality disorder



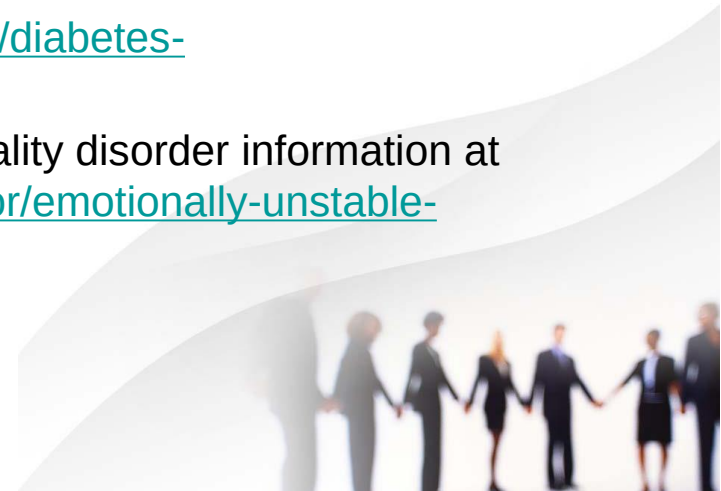
How should you handle your client
during stressing times?

(Hartsell, n.d.)



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