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Planning your future

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DISCUSSION GUIDE – Why plan for the future?

- Share a specific wish you want to ensure people around you know e.g. If going into a care facility do you want them to have pets, speak your mother tongue, offer swimming, gardening or another activity?
- What are you concerned might happen e.g. not being able to stay in the area they have lived in a long time, not being able to cook
- How can planning ahead offer peace of mind?

DISCUSSION GUIDE – Having Conversations

- Who do you need to have this conversation with? e.g. Family, friends, medical, financial or legal professionals?
- Have you started the conversation?
- How will you record your wishes?

DISCUSSION GUIDE – Capacity to make decisions

- Based on the video can you think of examples of when you might temporarily have a reduced capacity to make decisions?
- Are there certain decisions you are happy for others to make and some decisions that you are not happy for them to make? e.g. financial decisions versus where you live

DISCUSSION GUIDE – What decisions can my attorney make?

- What sorts of personal and financial decisions do you think you might like an appointed attorney to make on your behalf?
- What limitations might you need to put on the Power of Attorney?

DISCUSSION GUIDE – Obligations of an attorney

- Are you confident about what is expected of an appointed attorney?
- Do you think you have a good enough understanding of the person's wishes, to take on being attorney?
- Is it clear what powers you will have?