

Meet June

June is a 75-year-old British-born Chinese woman. She has a learning disability and her notes frequently 'query autism', although she hasn't been diagnosed. She has a strong personality; she can be feisty, has a wicked sense of humour and enjoys having fun. She knows who she likes - if she does not like someone, she does not often change her mind. She loves watching horse racing, eating out and watching Bonanza and old westerns. June goes out in the community a lot and knows people who work in the bookies, her local pub and takeaways. She has a fixed routine of places she goes and people she likes to see, and this works well for her.

For the past eight years June has lived in a supported living house called 'The Glades' with 6 other people. She really likes living there and it has been the longest place she has stayed in since she was a child. June takes pride her flat and enjoys doing the housework and buying flowers.

Recently, June has been experiencing shortness of breath and dizzy spells. They frighten her and she hates people coming near her and 'fussing'. She has been throwing herself on the floor a lot when she is unhappy and kicking people if they go near her. This puts her and others at risk of injury and in the past has resulted in her being admitted for treatment. She does not like hospitals or doctors and each of these admissions has been traumatic for June and others as she physically fights anyone trying to help her and continually tries to leave.

What are the key challenges that June faces?

What services and support are available in your area to support her and other people at the Glades?