

Activity

Jane is a Jehovah's Witness and has lived in a care home for some time, as a result of having dementia. Lately she has started to come down to the lounge whenever there is a party or celebration going on. She appears to want to join in the party and has started dancing and singing with obvious enjoyment. Her family are distressed – as a Jehovah's Witness she would never normally participate in birthdays or Christmas events. They have asked the staff to discourage Jane from attending.

Think about these questions:

1. What issues do you need to consider when thinking about a person with dementia and their rights and choices in relation to activities and lifestyle preferences?
2. What would you say or do when Jane comes to join the parties in the lounge?
3. How would you respond to Jane's family?