

# George's Story



**George has chronic arthritis and has limited mobility. He agreed that his son Petro could live with him on the basis he would care for his father.**

## Facts

A year ago, George, who is 82 years old and lives alone in the family home, agreed that his son, Petro, could live with him. George has chronic arthritis and has limited mobility. This has become worse in the last 6 months and he is more reliant on Petro for support.

When Petro moved back home it was on the understanding that he would take care of his father and he obtained a Carer's Allowance. In the last two months, Petro's behaviour has become unstable and he's neglecting the care of his father. Petro has stopped people visiting George, including service providers and other family members. When George's daughter telephones the house, Petro answers the telephone and hangs up. George's friends have stopped visiting because Petro is aggressive towards them.

As George has difficulty moving around, he's unable to leave the house or shower, without assistance.

## Considerations

George was motivated to agree to his son moving in with him because of the support his son, Petro, would provide. However, Petro is neglecting George's needs and is keeping others, who might be able to assist, away from George.

George's health and wellbeing are a priority in this situation. Seniors Rights Victoria often has concerned family and others telephone to express worry for an older person, who is being socially abused in their own home. There are options to address these situations and talking to the Seniors Rights Victoria Helpline can provide information about how to assist an older person.

\*Personal details have been changed to protect our client's privacy.

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