

- *Emergency Network Meeting – 10th June 2004*

This emergency meeting was called as Mrs Stenson had sustained two black eyes and a mark to her chin. Mr Eamon Stenson had admitted to slapping her on the face. He said this had happened during the night when he had put her on the toilet and she was not co-operating with him. Mr Stenson had contacted the G.P. the following morning with regard to this.

Mr Eamon Stenson and Mrs Kathleen Stenson attended part of the meeting. Respite care was recommended to Mr Eamon Stenson at that point, but he refused. A number of supports were put in place. This included nursing care to visit morning and twilight which would entail getting Mrs Stenson up, bathed and dressed in the morning and undressing her, bathing her and putting her to bed in the evening.

The professional support continued throughout the following months and no concerns were raised regarding Mrs Stenson's care. A further network meeting was not deemed necessary until April 2005. During this period, Mr Liam Stenson had contacted Mr McMahon requesting access to his mother. Mr McMahon informed him of Mr Eamon Stenson's decision not to allow access. Mr McMahon advised that Mr Liam Stenson to seek legal advice regarding this issue. A report was also compiled by Ms Molloy (Elderly Care Services Manager, H.S.E.) and Mr McMahon for the Ombudsman in response to Mr Liam Stenson's complaint in relation to this matter.

- *Network Meeting – 22nd April 2005/6th June 2006.*

At the meeting of the 22nd April 2006, the relevant professionals, Mr Liam Stenson and Mr Brian Stenson were present. Mr Eamon Stenson was invited with Mrs Kathleen Stenson but he advised that he would not be attending as he did not wish to meet his brother Mr Liam Stenson. From the general summary of the professional care team and the opinion of Mr Brian Stenson, Mrs Stenson was in receipt of quality care in the care arrangement with her son Mr Eamon Stenson. However Mr Liam Stenson continued to disagree with the arrangement. It was agreed that the H.S.E. had a duty to care for Mrs Stenson wherever she resided, this disparity between the brothers opinions on her care arrangements needed to be resolved within the family network.

A further meeting was held on 6th June 2005 in order to facilitate Mr Eamon Stenson's attendance. He was advised of the recommendations of the previous meeting. He also acknowledged the support received from professionals. The psychiatric assessment with Dr. Reynolds was completed in July 2005.