Introducing LifeCurve™

Case scenario 2

Tom is an 80yo man. For the past 5 years, he and his wife, Janine, have lived with their daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren. His daughter was concerned about them getting older and wanted to look after them.

Tom has a loving home life and doesn't leave the house much. He used to have a small vegetable patch, go to Men's Shed, and enjoy regular drives. Since losing his licence, he doesn't go out much, and his daughter doesn't like him to go into the garden in case he falls.

He loves to watch sports on TV and spends time on the computer following world news. All the household tasks are done by Janine and the younger family members.

Lately, Tom has had difficulty getting out of his favourite chair. The family is concerned because Janine recently hurt her back trying to assist him in standing up from a chair.

Working in groups of 2-3, discuss the following questions:

Where does Tom rate on the vertical axis of the LifeCurve™?

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Do you think Tom has potential to move higher on the vertical axis? That is, would he benefit from reablement? Why or why not?

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Why did Tom's function decline? Was it due to an incident or age-related functional decline?

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What lifestyle factors will influence his situation and potential to recover?

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