**Step 3 - Case Study**

Remember Eloise…?

Eloise Griffiths is a 68 year old lady with severe heart failure. She lives with her husband, Eric, who has advancing dementia. Eric was the sole carer for Eloise until 2 years ago when he was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s Disease. He remains independent, but his son and daughter have noted that he is getting confused at times.

Building on from your assessment earlier around Eloise’s needs, you are aware that she has spoken to the District Nurses about wanting to stay in her own home to die. She has also completed a ‘Preferred Priorities for Care (PPC) Document’ and she shows this to you. This is documented on the GP’s system along with a record of her discussions about resuscitation.

When you are carrying out a re-assessment of Eliose’s needs, how do you respond when she starts to discuss her future wishes?

Is there ever a time when you may initiate a conversation? If so, how may you do this? What important factors would you need to consider?