



Social Care: Past and Present

Living with disability in Darnall

V/o:

In another part of Darnall this is the home of Kath Galloway. She shares this bungalow with her Alsatian, Duke.

Kath:

I've lived in Darnall twenty years. It's good, it's flat, and I just love it. My mum and dad died two years ago, and my family wanted me near them at Darnall 'cos I've got two sisters living here. So I got my name down on the council, and it didn't take very long 'cos I'm, well they think I'm priority, so I got this bungalow, I came to view it, I liked it, my sister lives round the corner, my niece just lives up the road, and my other sister lives the other side of Darnall.

V/o:

But not everything in the garden is rosy for Katherine.

Kath:

Like you can see now this has took twelve months, they're making me a ramp so I can get out of my bungalow because I've been cooped in here for it's a year this month. Unless I get family to come and take me out, then I've got no-one to take me out, and they've got families of their own, so it's not very often, and I've just had a shower in my bathroom put in, that's took twelve months, so I've not been able to, you know, have a bath or anything. It's made me down and depressed, I've lost a load of weight which I did when my mum and dad died, but it's carried on. I had a split marriage last year, and that didn't help, and not being able to get out for twelve months, I thought I was going to climb walls. Well I've got a 17 year old nephew, Daniel, and these young lads here they're his mates, but because I am, that they would class me as a young auntie, you know I mix in with what they're doing. I love their music, they come and chill out here and when, you know, when they get a flea in their ear from mother, they still come here. And I just treat them like I treat my nephew. As a disabled person usually people won't mix with you, you know, they move away from you as though you've not got a brain, but in my case it's just my leg, not my head, and around here people just mix with you, they don't care, you know, about this wheelchair, nor nothing. They don't look at this wheelchair, it's me, and they treat me like I should be treat, and they're brilliant.