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**VIVA ACCESS LTD****CASE STUDY****Sarah**

On the next slide is a plan of ground floor of an existing property. You have been asked to assess the garage for potential conversion to a bedroom, with ensuite WC, WHB & LAS for Sarah, a 78 y.o. woman who has moved in with her son, daughter-in-law and their 4 children (2 boys and 2 girls ranging in age from 10 to 15) as she can no longer live alone.

Sarah presents with severe ankylosing spondylitis, asthma and early stages dementia. She had a stroke previously, experiences 'blackouts', has poor balance and is prone to falls.

Sarah currently walks with a rollator, but for short distances only. She is unable to manage steps or to get in/out of the bath. She can manage bed, chair and wc transfers independently but it is expected she will ultimately become a full time wheelchair user (assisted). The family currently provide for all her care needs.

All rooms in the property are needed by the family for sleeping, socialising, homework etc and the garage is the only viable space for adaptation. Sarah is sleeping in the front room while waiting for the garage to be adapted.

**QUESTIONS**

What challenges do you think this property presents for both Sarah, as disabled occupant, and son/d-in-law, as both carers and parents. Sarah's d-in-l works part-time & son has had surgery for lower back issues.

How would you adapt the garage in order to meet Sarah's needs in (a) the short term and (b) the long term?

What equipment and facilities is Sarah likely to need as her condition deteriorates?