

## DEMENTIA ACTION DAY - TRURO - 20<sup>th</sup> June 2015

### FORUM THEATRE from Az2B : 5 SCENARIOS

#### Scenario 1: Public upset

*THIS FIRST SCENE IS BASED ON A REAL LIFE SITUATION. IT EXPLORES THE NEED FOR UNDERSTANDING ABOUT DEMENTIA WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES AND AIMS TO GENERATE POSITIVE STRATEGIES FOR INTERVENTION & SUPPORT.*

**CAROL:** TO AUDIENCE. Hello, I'm Carol. I want to share something that happened last Thursday when I was shopping in Truro. I would really appreciate some advice on how I could have handled it better.

(SHOP IN TRURO)

**JENNY:** Look, just what I need. It's really good.

**SHOPKEEPER:** Excuse me, can I help you at all.

**JENNY:** It's everywhere here, right where it should be. (SHE PICKS ITEM UP)

**SHOPKEEPER:** Do you want to buy that?

**JENNY:** Yes, it's lovely.

**SHOPKEEPER:** That will be eleven pounds eighty please.

**JENNY:** Thank you.

JENNY GIVES THE SHOP KEEPER FIVE POUNDS. SHE HAS LOST UNDERSTANDING OF MONEY.

**SHOPKEEPER:** I'm sorry, but you didn't give me enough. I need another six pounds eighty please.

**JENNY:** That's right. I gave you the money right.

**SHOPKEEPER:** No you didn't, you only gave me a fiver, I need another six pounds and eighty pence.

**JENNY:** (GETTING UPSET) Now don't you go telling me it's not right. I've been moneying all the time for the ins and outs so don't you say I can't.

**SHOPKEEPER:** Look, this is what you gave me, it's not enough.

**JENNY:** Stop lying, you shouldn't do that. I know what I'm doing and it's right.

**SHOPKEEPER:** I'm sorry but I'm going to have to ask you to leave.

**JENNY:** No! You're stealing everything, I'm not lying.

**SHOPKEEPER:** I think it might be best if you left the shop.

SHOPKEEPER TRIES TO LEAD JENNY OUT

**JENNY:** No, no!

**CAROL:** TO AUDIENCE It was awful. The lady obviously had some sort of dementia and the shop keeper wasn't particularly helpful. I didn't know what to do, so ended up doing nothing. I just stood there watching what was going on and didn't say a thing.

FORUM WITH AUDIENCE.

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