Learning Inter-Professionally (LIP) 2

Scenario - Family affected by diabetes

Level 2 - Social aspects

Nuclear family
Ethnic origin South Asian
Mother, Housewife aged 60
Father Shopkeeper aged 64
Son, Lorry Driver, aged 42
Daughter in law aged 33 part time works in family shop
One male child aged 8

The family live as a nuclear unit behind and above the parent's retail business. The father and son both need to be in full time employment in order to support the family.

Financially the family are struggling. The shop is based in a socially deprived area and lately has been unable to generate sufficient income for the families needs. Those who are able to move out of the area are doing so; therefore the situation is unlikely to improve. The father does not have the skills to modernise the business in order to generate further income. Both shop and living accommodation are rented, the rent is in arrears.
The father is 64 and in poor health, he would like to retire, but is unable to due to the financial commitments of his family. His son earns more driving the lorry than the father generates in the shop, so he would be disinclined to take over the shop from the father. Unknown to the family the father has missed several recent hospital appointments as travelling to the clinic is costing more than he can afford.

The son has diabetes for which he currently takes tablets however; the diabetes is not adequately controlled. Should the son need to be put on Insulin he will lose his HGV license.

The daughter needs to fly immediately to India to support her mother; she is worried that her mother-in-law will be the only person available during the day to look after the child and thinks she does not have the skills to cope. The Child aged 8 has autism and has specific educational needs.