**Table S2:** Conceptualisation of risk – descriptor quotes from participants in the included papers

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| **Subtheme 1: Factors that influence definitions of risk and risk severity** |
| **Factor** | **Descriptor quote**  |
| Daily life experiences | *“I think she’s deteriorated I think quite rapidly actually’; ‘three weeks ago yesterday, when she ran out of the house’ (Adams, 2001:8)*P1 |
| Risk to self and risk to others | *‘You are going to hurt somebody or do something that will hurt yourself.’* *‘It means to me risk about, about (my wife) ...that I might harm her or something with the dementia.’ (Stevenson et al., 2019:6)* P18 |
| Being in unfamiliar setting/ situation |  *‘I noticed that when I was driving that I suddenly didn’t know quite where I was. So I was beginning to lose the place... It was nasty, very nasty’. (Sandberg et al., 2015:7)P*15 |
| Autonomy and safety | *‘It is really important that you can be independent but safe.’ (Stevenson et al., 2019:6)*P18 |
| Living arrangements | *‘If they have family maybe the risks are a bit lower because of that input from the family but if somebody is living on their own and isolated ... the risks are higher as the illness progresses.’ (Sandberg et al., 2015:7)*P15 |
| **Subtheme 2: Factors that influence the construction of risk**  |
| Personality  | *“she was ‘naturally not a worrier’ and ‘had always been careful” (Stevenson et al., 2019:6)* P18 |
| Work | *‘I would never have thought about risk, maybe it’s because of the way I worked.’ (Stevenson et al., 2017:6)*P17 |
| Media  | People with dementia feared that he may become violent towards his wife in the future: *‘because I [had] seen it on the TV with people with dementia’ (Stevenson et al., 2019:6)*P18 |