

LSCB Safeguarding

"Bite Size" Learning Scenarios

Sexual Content

●●● to be discussed in Agency Team Meetings

In the LSCB Learning & Development subgroup we have agreed that organisations and teams be asked to use 15 minutes within relevant team meetings 4 times a year to discuss a safeguarding issue. Team responses should be included in your team minutes and forwarded to the safeguarding lead within your organisation.

We hope that this is a way in which frontline staff across different organisations can explore some areas of learning without the need to attend formal training. It should also highlight areas of further learning. We can provide assistance with access to relevant learning materials.

●●● *"A 14 year old girl that you have a working relationship with informs you that on the weekend she had penetrative sex with two 14 year old boys. She says it took place with her agreement and doesn't want anyone else to be informed"*

What would you do to assist this young person?

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Points for discussion:

- How would you progress this matter?
- Would you advise the family of your concerns?
- How would you assess this risk?
- Do you require any further information and if so how would you get this?
- What is your role in this situation?

If you are leading this discussion here is information for you to investigate to assist with the discussion:

Useful resources

The word 'consent' in the context of the offence of rape is now defined in the Sexual Offences Act 2003. A person consents if she or he agrees by choice, and has the freedom and capacity to make that choice. The essence of this definition is the agreement by choice. The law does not require the victim to have physically resisted, in order, to prove a lack of consent. The question of whether the victim consented is a matter for the jury to decide, although the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) considers this issue very carefully throughout the life of a case.

The Brook- Advise for under 25's in relation to having sex.

<http://www.brook.org.uk/index.php/my-rights/sex-relationships-and-your-rights/having-sex>

The Haven's Guide to sexual violence for young people page 16 onwards:

http://www.thehavens.co.uk/docs/guide_to_sexual_violence.pdf

NSPCC Fraser or Gillick Competency Fact sheet

http://www.nspcc.org.uk/inform/research/questions/gillick_wda61289.html