

TRIGGER SCENARIOS

You are worried about a 5 year old white girl who has Downs' Syndrome. You have been told that she is quiet and withdrawn and that she masturbates openly. You notice that she is beginning to engage other children in this activity. On occasions she has wet herself and you have found her panties to have a coloured discharge when she has been changed.

An 8 year old Asian child who has partial sight, begins to scream hysterically and become aggressive towards the end of the session. This happens on several occasions over a couple of weeks until he is now refusing to leave the building altogether and is becoming increasingly distressed when encouraged to go home.

You are concerned about a 6 year old white child who regularly sustains numerous injuries, including extensive bruising to the face and body, a fractured leg and fractured arm. His parents explanations have maintained that all the injuries were accidental and have been the result of the child's disability i.e. his clumsy gait makes him prone to falls and knocks etc. He has now been admitted to hospital with bruising on his back, arms and legs and a possible fracture to the leg.

You have been left an anonymous message alleging that the foster carers are cruel and abusive to the 10 year old Asian boy who is placed with them. You have noticed bruising on the boy's arms and legs, when asked the foster carers said that these occurred whilst bathing him. The child has minimal verbal skills and a limited ability to use Makaton signing. The foster carers are Asian, but of a different religious background to the child placed with them.

A 7 year old white girl who has multiple physical disabilities and who comes to the scheme twice a week, begins to cry relentlessly at one of the sessions. She is inconsolable and this continues for several weeks. She has limited language ability and you have so far been unable to discover what is wrong.