



Family Time Scenarios

Alice is 14 and sees her mother every week. They enjoy seeing each other, but her mum has few boundaries and talks to Alice about all the challenges in her life. The purpose of supervision is to interrupt and divert these conversations so that Alice doesn't have too much adult information. The supervisor needs to be in earshot and engaged in the conversation with Alice and her mum.

You're on your own in the kitchen supervising their time together then the doorbell goes, off down the corridor.

[if your partners ignore it, the doorbell rings again, for longer]

Alan is 12 years old and having time with his 16 year old brother and his father. There has been a history of physical abuse from their father and aggression between the siblings. There are two supervisors who need to be in the same room as the family. Alan and his brother are getting into a heated discussion about a difficult time when their mum left the home on Christmas Day.

Haroop is 15, accommodated under s20 and has been living in your home for three years. His father has contact with Haroop each month. He arrives for family time and has brought a man he introduces as Haroop's uncle. He explains Haroop hasn't seen him for almost a decade and he came by the family this morning.

Parminder is 12, accommodated under s20 and has been in the home for 6 weeks. She has high health needs and her mother had asked for her to be accommodated as she was struggling with Parminder and the younger children. Her mother arrives one Saturday morning and they have a lovely time together. Parminder tells her mum she wants to come home, and after a short pause her mother agrees. She explains to you she has been in two minds, but the other children are with their grandmother and she feels it is ok for Parminder to come home. Parminder is hugely excited, her eyes are brimming and she is looking to you for an answer.

Daisy is 14 and has been looking forward to seeing her mother with her mother's new partner. They arrive 10 minutes late and Daisy has been getting more and more anxious. There are no other young people in the home and so Daisy has shown them around. They come back into the front room and her mother and the new partner sit on the couch. Daisy is really excited and lies down across the two of them. The family are giggling and laughing and showing no sign of asking Daisy to get off.

[if your partners ask her to get down, Daisy's mother then will say "Butt out, this is our family and this is how we are"]