

Case scenario

Kieran is fifteen and has been living in your home for three months having moved around a number of foster homes. He came into care at twelve following a long history of children's services involvement for him and his three siblings for neglect. Kieran has settled well into the home, but avoids individual sessions with staff. He had not attended school for 18 months prior to joining you but as trust has built he has begun to attend a local specialist education provision.

The provider has contacted you today to let you know there has been an incident of sexualised behaviour between Kieran and a twelve-year-old boy, also at the provision. They left the school site at lunchtime and were away for about 30 minutes. On the return to the site the 12-year-old has alleged that Kieran and he showed each other their penises and there was some mutual touching.

Kieran has refused to talk to anyone and has been in his bedroom since his return from school two hours ago.

What do you understand about the risk at this point?

What are the factors?

What action might you plan?