

# Social Work Online Team Training (SWOTT) toolkit:

## LEARNING OBJECT 2: CASE STUDY

### Adult/Mental Health Services

The social workers will have 10 minutes to:

1. Read the case scenario
2. Consider how they might prepare to visit Amy.

Each social worker will have their own thoughts about how to approach this scenario.

It can be difficult for people to talk about their concerns about sexual abuse. Children are often scared or do not understand what is happening. Non-offending adults in the family fear stating their concerns because the accusation has such significant implications. Even as adults victims/survivors of abuse can find it very difficult to speak and families can discourage disclosure.

THE ROLE OF THE FACILITATORS IS:

- To encourage the social workers to share their thoughts about the case study.
- To facilitate discussion to identify the opportunities and challenges of this scenario.

### SUGGESTED QUESTIONS FOR FACILITATORS TO ASK THE GROUP:

- Prompt social workers to share their thoughts on what strength-based approach they could take in this situation.
- How would they broach the subject with Amy? What tools or techniques could be used?
- What strengths can be identified in Amy or her environment?
- Check awareness of support organisations for Amy (and for her family)
- Ask if any social workers have experienced this situation before and what the outcome was.
- Ask the group what other approaches and models they thought they could use? This will help to think about other approaches of working with people in similar circumstances; share practice and learning.

