

Social Work Online Team Training (SWOTT) toolkit:

LEARNING OBJECT 2:

CASE STUDY

Children's Services

The social workers will have 10 minutes to:

1. **Read the case scenario**
2. **Consider how they might prepare to visit Amy and her family.**

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.

THE ROLE OF THE FACILITATORS IS:

- **To encourage the social workers to share their thoughts on this scenario.**
- **To facilitate discussion to identify the opportunities and challenges of this scenario.**
- **Discuss what further actions social workers might take depending on different outcomes of the visit.**

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 they identify in Amy and/or her environment?
- How would they broach the subject with her parents?
- Check awareness of support organisations for Amy and 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 families in similar scenarios and share practice and learning.

