

Scenario 3 - Alex

Alex, aged 10, is being sexually abused on a weekly basis by the 21 year old neighbour who babysits every Friday.

For discussion:

- What action could the parents have taken to discern if the babysitter was safe before allowing him to look after Alex?
- Were there any behaviours or factors in relation to either the child or the abuser that could have alerted the parents?
- Communication between Alex and his parents – have the parents helped Alex to understand risk and what to do if he feels at risk?
- What can parents use to help with this?