

Scenario 5 - Marina

Marina, age 14, was sexually abused in a hotel by a middle aged man she met on the internet and who she became very attached to as he seemed to understand her when her parents didn't. She used to talk to her school friends about him and they knew of the meeting in the hotel.

For discussion:

- What information about online safety is available to Marina and her friends?
- What action could the parents have taken to prevent the abuse taking place?
- Could Marina's behaviour have alerted the parents?
- What could Marina's friends have done to prevent the situation developing? If the friends told their parents, what could they have done about this?
- What difference would it make if the man who abused Marina was a registered sex offender with previous convictions for possessing indecent images of children and online grooming? (Management of Offenders)