

Scenario 6 - David

David, aged 14, is routinely sexually abused on his fortnightly visits to his aunt's house. He shares a bedroom with his 18 year old cousin, who shows him pornography on his laptop and asks to perform the acts that they've watched, including oral sex and anal penetration. His cousin has told him that others will think that he is gay if he says anything

For discussion:

- What action could the parents or his aunt have taken to prevent the abuse taking place? Would it be automatically undesirable for a 14 year old boy to share a room with/spend time with his 18 year old male cousin?
- Are there any behaviours in either David or the abuser that could have alerted the parents?
- Possible developmental issues for David and his understanding of sex and sexuality. Are there possible sexual orientation issues here for either David or his cousin? If so, how should these be dealt with?