

Scenario 8 - Robert

Robert is in his mid twenties and lives with his parents. He has never had a serious sexual relationship but was aware of his attraction to girls on the cusp of puberty since his teenage years. He has avoided illegal online material, but does masturbate to thoughts of girls he sees in his neighbourhood. He feels guilty afterwards and wishes that he wasn't like this. Friends of his parents visit one Sunday with their nine year old granddaughter. Robert is asked to occupy her while the adults talk, so whilst playing.

For discussion:

- What could Robert have done to address his attraction to young girls?
 - Stop it Now! Helpline?
- What action could the parents or his parents friends have taken to prevent the abuse taking place?
- Are there any behaviours in either the child or Robert that could have alerted the parents?