

CHILD PROTECTION UPDATE 2016

FOR CORPORATE STAFF



Handout

Draw a line to match the scenario on the left hand side of the page to the form of abuse or neglect that might be suspected.

Scenario

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Rachel, 13 yrs, is found crying in the toilets. It turns out she thinks she is pregnant. When you talk to her about telling her parents, she says you cannot tell her step-father and becomes even more distressed and fearful.

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Suspected form of abuse or neglect

Sexual abuse or ill-treatment

Basic needs not being met (Hygiene/
Clothing)

Domestic violence

Necessary medical care

Educational neglect

Basic needs not met (supervision)

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Answer sheet for facilitators

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