Blaenau Gwent Case Study (CR)

Child B identifies as a female and is 11 Years and 2 Months old.

Child B is a “Child Looked After” (CLA) and the responsible Local Authority is Blaenau Gwent.

Child B is placed with foster carers and has been for just over one year. Child B has settled well. Child B’s carers describe her as a ‘lovely’ child who is ‘confident, well-mannered and polite’.

Child B was referred to the Youth Offending Service (YOS) by her Children’s Services Social Worker. Child B has witnessed severe domestic abuse whilst living at home. There were concerns that Child B played more of a partner role to her father, where there was a lot of control from him.

Child B struggles with relationships with her peers, often becoming possessive of friends. Child B has inappropriately used the internet to ‘chat’ sexually with a ‘bot’ and has used inappropriate sexual comments to other children in the foster placement.

Child B consented to engage in a programme of work with the YOS. Restorative Approaches work commenced and is ongoing.

Child B engaged well from the start and a plan was developed. The plan includes:

* Understand healthy relationships
* Explore internet safety
* Understand sex and the law
* Understand sexting
* Explore appropriate language

The Restorative Approaches Key Worker started off by building a rapport with Child B. Child B engages well and opened up about her hopes and dreams for the future, her likes and dislikes and fears.

Healthy relationship work has started and work will continue to allow Child B to complete the plan in a trauma informed manner.