

Unidentified Adults Case Study – Milo

Areas of Learning:

- Awareness of the kind of information that parents have a right to know under '[Sarah's Law](#)' (Child Sex Offender Disclosure Scheme)
- An understanding of the importance of professional curiosity regarding children that an adult is having contact with, where is concern that the adult may present a risk of harm to children.
- Awareness of the actions to be taken in order to effectively safeguard children, when information is shared that an adult may present a risk of harm to children.
- An understanding of the importance of professional curiosity regarding who is involved in the care of a child and has unsupervised access.

My name is Milo and I am four years old. I live with my mum and dad, Barbara and Jack, and I have a younger brother Tommy. When I was a bit younger, my Dad's friend Carol used to come and babysit for me and Tommy when they went out. I liked it when Carol and her husband John would come to look after us, we would always play really fun games and Carol made me laugh. My Dad worked with Carol, so they knew each other really well.

When I was three, my Mum took me to see my GP with a rash on my tummy and private parts. The GP didn't ask my Mum about whether anyone else helps to look after me, especially when she and my Dad are not around.

A few months later, Carol came to my house and spoke with my Dad. Carol told my Dad that she was being investigated by the police for having indecent images of children and wasn't allowed to go to work. Carol told my Dad that she had not done anything wrong. Carol also went to speak to her GP that week, as she was feeling very low and anxious. When she was there, she told her GP about the police investigation too. Carol's GP didn't ask Carol about any children that she might help to look after or spend time with, so the GP doesn't know that Carol babysits for me and Tommy. If the GP had asked her, maybe they could have told someone to help protect me and Tommy.

Discussion Points:

- How can Milo's parents find out more information to understand the risk that may be presented to Milo and Tommy from Carol? What information do they have a right to know under '[Sarah's Law](#)' (Child Sex Offender Disclosure Scheme)?
- What questions might a professional such as the GP ask, to gain a better understanding of children that Carol is currently in contact with? Why is this important?
- What are the important benefits of completing an Inter-Agency Referral Form to share the information when a disclosure of a police investigation is made?
- What questions might a professional ask, as part of their normal routine enquiry, to understand who is involved in the care of a child and has unsupervised contact?