

Case study 1

Grant (24) is attending a residential event for young people (18-30) with learning disabilities. The event is being held at a university halls of residence and each of the young people have been assigned their own private room.

In the afternoon of the first day Grant meets Jessica (20).

They had met once before for an hour at previous event. They spend most of the afternoon chatting with each other and are getting on really well.

In the evening there is meal followed by a disco. Grant and Jessica sit together for the meal and enjoy some glasses of wine, after dinner they have a few more drinks and then get up to dance together and are having lots of fun.

During the disco, Grant approaches one of the support workers and says that he and Jessica are going to spend the night together in his room that night.



Case study 2

Brian (23) who has a physical disability which means he needs to use a wheelchair and requires quite a lot of personal care. He receives 24 hour support in his own flat.

An issue first emerges when he asked for some support at an advocacy meeting because he was being threatened with losing his support service. It turns out that he had been masturbating in his own bedroom, in his own house at night. His sleepover staff complain that they can hear him from the next room.

The staff's first response was go into his room tell him not to do it, shame him by saying it is disgusting and they did not have to put up with it. They also turn off his tv off and remove his remote control.

They then went to the service manager who called a meeting where he threaten to withdraw his support service.

And then finally they have told Brian that they will call the police if he does it again.



Case study 3

Katie (30) who has a mild to moderate learning disability would like to find a boyfriend. She talks a lot about wanting to get married and have children.

Katie lives in her own flat and receives 20 hours a week support.

She spends quite a bit of time online, mainly on chat sites and on dating apps. Her support staff keep telling her that the amount of time she spends online is unhealthy.

Katie has close relationships with her family and has always gotten on well with her support staff. She does not have any close friends and only accesses social activities with her support staff.

Katie used to speak quite openly about who she was chatting to online, however she has recently become more guarded.

Today Katie announced excitedly to her support staff that she had met a man online and had arranged to meet him in the city at the weekend.

