

Home Visit

I saw mum and Amelia at the home address – dad was not present as mum said that he was working this evening. I asked Amelia how her day had been at school and she said it had been okay but that she was not happy with dad today because he got angry. I asked what had happened. Amelia said that daddy had shouted at mummy “again” and that mummy tripped over. I asked her how mummy had tripped. Amelia said, “I don’t know” and then looked at mum. Mum smiled and said that she wanted to talk to me on her own and shouted for Amelia’s brother to come downstairs and make a sandwich for Amelia. Lewis Woods walked into the front room and said directly, “Who are you?” I introduced myself as a social worker. Lewis muttered something under his breath, took Amelia from the room then slammed the door.

Mum apologised for Lewis and said, “He’s a typical teenager with an anger problem”. I asked if he had received any help for his anger. Mum said that she remembers him seeing someone called Rachel but couldn’t recall where she was from. She stated that Lewis had some trouble about a year ago with a few lads on the estate. She stated that he takes after his dad who “has a bit of a history”. I asked what that meant. Mum said that they both fly off the handle and that she thinks “they’ve both got ADHD or something and that gets them in trouble with the police.”

I asked about this morning’s incident in the playground. Mum said that she lost her footing and that dad was arguing about who would pay the rent this month. She stated that everything is fine and that there was nothing to worry about.