Home Visit

I saw mum and TE at the home address at 4:00pm. We sat in the front room. It was clean and tidy. I introduced myself to TE who presented as happy and we talked about school today. TE appeared relaxed around mum, but a little tired. He told mum he wanted to sit and watch TV. Mum gave him a packet of crisps and some juice and then asked TE to go upstairs and play on his tablet whilst we chatted.

We talked about this morning's concern about the smell of alcohol and mum said that she does not have an alcohol problem like before and that people should mind their own business. Mum said that she had been out the previous night and had one or two drinks.

Mum advised that does have a new boyfriend PT and that he has been staying at the home at the weekend. Mum said that TE will stay with her dad (JE) at the weekend so if she was seen drunk it's not a problem because TE is not with her. Mum indicated that dad is appropriate even though they split up two years ago following an incident of domestic violence where she was pushed and hit across the face.

She said that PT has been a good support to her as she has been struggling with anxiety lately. She stated that she has started CBT with Adult Mental Health.

Mum advised that PT is friendly with TE and that he has looked after him whilst she goes shopping. She said that this has helped out with her arthritis as TE is often called upon to help her. She said that TE does a lot for her and that if wasn't for the emotional support from Young Carers he would really struggle.