

## **Mary and John**

Mary and John are fostering a group of siblings for 3 months now, but struggling as the children's behaviour is often challenging. They often make allegations against them, running away or stealing from their home or shops. Children's biological siblings have a negative influence on children, often influencing them in misusing alcohol or substances.

Mary and John feel very stressed, as the communication with social services is poor and the support received is limited and not efficient

Both Mary and John also have their day jobs, therefore, in the current context they feel under a significant pressure.

Mary feels that these circumstances are affecting her wellbeing as well as her relationship with her husband. She has been prescribed anxiety medication recently

***You are Mary and John's new allocated social worker and arranged to see them for a home visit***

## **Ian**

Ian, in his late teens, fled Ukraine with his mother when Russia invaded his country. His father died in the war.

Due to these circumstances, he experiences nightmares and a low mood. His adjustment to a new country proved to be very difficult. Ian was arrested for shoplifting food for his mother and him which he explained as being a result of the financial hardship they currently experience.

Ian was also arrested for assaulting a shop assistant and given a community service sentence.

His mother is very concerned as he presents with low mood, he is withdrawn and isolating from his family. He is presenting with self neglect and lost significant weight.

***You are the duty social worker taking the call when Ian's mother contacts social services and asks for support***