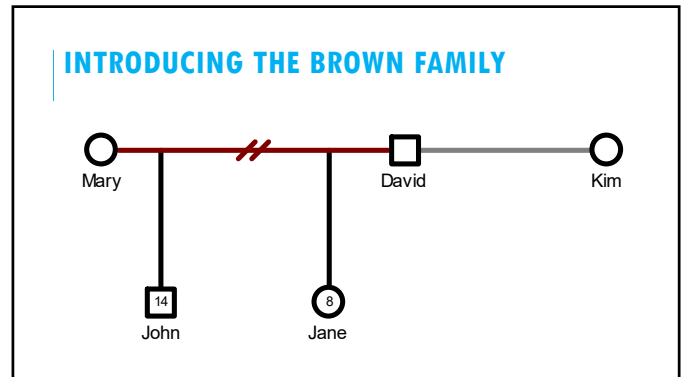


THE MANY SIDES OF THE STORY:
A COLLABORATIVE INTERAGENCY RESPONSE
TO SIBLING HARMFUL SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR

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THE MANY QUESTIONS FROM THE FAMILY

Questions from Everyone:

- Why do I need to go to counselling and how long for?
- Do I need to talk about what happened?
- Who makes decisions about what happens in my family and will I get a say in this?

Questions from the Child Harmed:

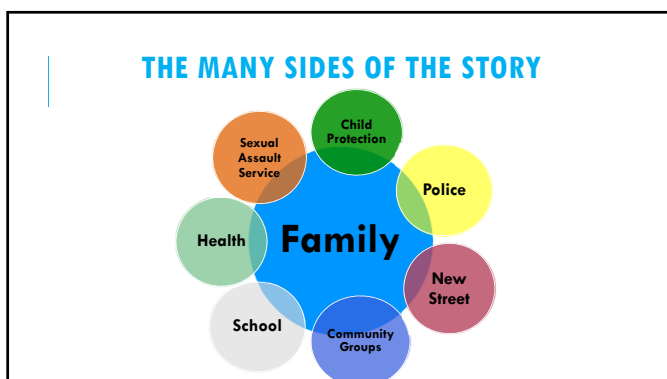
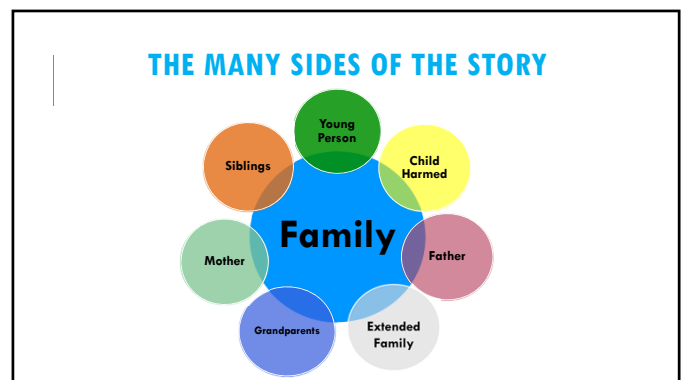
- Why does my brother have to live somewhere else and when can I see him again?
- Why did my brother do it and is he sorry?

Questions from the Young Person:

- When can I go home?
- Everyone is telling me that I need to fix this. How do I do that?

Questions from the Parents:

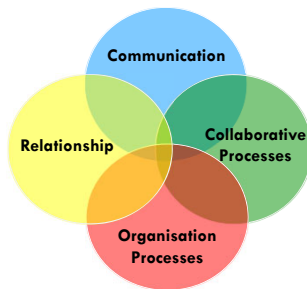
- How do I support both of my children in this when they have very different needs?
- When can my kids see each other again?
- Will this ever be over?



THE MANY QUESTIONS FROM OUR SERVICES

- How do we ensure we have consistent information?
- What are the considerations for safety?
- How do we engage – focussing on individual and family needs?
- How are we considering responsibility for HSB?
- How will we manage different paces of individuals and the services in restitution, contact, reunification, end of counselling?

COLLABORATION IN PRACTICE



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Communication:

- Common language; remaining open; transparency; acknowledging differences

Relationship:

- Professional trust, respect, responsibility and accountability; recognising privilege

Collaborative Processes:

- Interagency meetings; clarity of roles; collaborative decision making and case planning; interagency family sessions

Organisation Processes:

- Framework for addressing SHSB; support for interagency collaboration; supervision; professional development

FINAL THOUGHT...

"It should be standard practice to use a collaborative, multi-agency approach to deliver promising and preferred treatment that focusses on holistic, eco-systemic and family/caregiver elements that support the [child], young person and their family."

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