

SEXUALITY IN A RESIDENTIAL GROUP, 6 TO 12 YEAR OLDS.

In a residential group with boys aged 6-12, the atmosphere has had a very sexual slant lately. Remarks, gestures, language ... all address the sexual theme.

- 10-year-old Michael writes very explicit notes to nine-year-old Liam. ("Do you want to give me a blowjob, I'll come and knock 5 times, then you come to the toilets, ..."). He also pushes the boundaries with the other, younger kids.
- Liam says Michael would do the same with 7-year-old Sven.
- Robby, eleven years old, shows inappropriate and transgressive behaviour, in language and actions.

In a conversation with the educators, Robby is asked if children in the group sometimes push their boundaries. Robby asks: "Does this have to do with Sven?". According to him, Sven comes to his room to ask for "dirty things". He doesn't want to specify which things at first but eventually admits that Sven had asked "to pee on his head" and other inappropriate actions.

Robby also laughingly reveals that the children have discovered a porn channel on satellite TV and that they often watch it when the educator is away for a while. He thinks it's nasty but exciting as well.

Sven is also asked if the children in the group sometimes push their boundaries. First he says "no" but then nods "yes". When asked who, he doesn't answer at first, but eventually he informs the educators of his relations with Robbie. Sven states that he went to the bathroom once while Robby was taking a shower and that his fellow group member performed an oral sex act on him.

It was a confusing story with many obscure elements.

