

SIMON, 14 YEAR OLD, IS ATTRACTED TO CHARLOTTE.

As a result of drug abuse by his mother Simon was born with a neonatal abstinence syndrome resulting in trembling, excessive crying and sleeping problems. For a period of a year highly specialized foster carers looked after Simon. After his health improved he was placed with his present foster carers. Simon has grown up without any noticeable problems and his foster parents consider him as their own son. Simon is now 14 years old and recently concerns have been raised about his behavior. According to his foster parents he has come home drunk a couple of times, seems to pick fights on nearly every subject and has started to dress up in a rebellious and provocative manner. What worries his foster parents most is the deterioration of his language. After being told off by his foster mother he stormed out of the house shouting “you bitch...”. While watching a couple kissing on television he has said: “they will be fu(...) their brains out...”.

All of the sudden he refers to his friend Charlotte as “his own blond chick...”. His foster father also saw a photograph of Charlotte he sent to one of his friends with the text: “I’ll do her tomorrow...”

Simon has known Charlotte ever since kindergarten and up until a couple of months ago they got along just fine as friends. His foster father is worried that Simon might feel sexually attracted to Charlotte and doesn’t know how to deal with these feelings. Alternatively, it may be that he is just trying to impress his friends. However, this is till worrying as it may lead him to attempt to press Charlotte into a level of intimacy that she doesn’t want.



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