

- When discussing the following case scenarios please consider the following four points:
 - 1. WHAT FACTORS DO YOU NEED TO CONSIDER?
 - 2. WHAT FACTORS WOULD HEIGHTEN CONCERN?
 - 3. WHAT FACTORS WOULD REASSURE YOU?
 - 4. WHAT WOULD YOU DO NEXT?

- A patient comes to see you asking for contraception as she is in a new relationship. After you have finished consulting her she asks you to check her 4 month old baby over as she has a bad cough and fever. While listening to her chest you notice a small bruise on the baby's chest which mother explains was caused by the baby's older brother
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- The mother of a 15 year old girl has made an appointment for her daughter and rings you beforehand. Laura has been missing school and has become withdrawn and tearful. The school have suggested getting her referred to CAMHS as they are worried she might be depressed. Her school work has deteriorated and they think she is involved with a boy who they describe as a trouble maker. When Laura attends she isn't very communicative. She says school is boring and is looking forward to leaving. She asks for a prescription for the pill.
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- A mother brings her 6 years old son, Ryan, to the desk at 6pm insisting that he sees the duty doctor. She is quite distressed when she comes into your room. Ryan won't sit still and wanders about the room picking things up from the counters. You see from his record that he has been referred for assessment of possible ADHD. She has just picked Ryan up from the local Beaver Scout which he started attending recently. He told his mother that the assistant group leader smacked him for not standing in the group. On examination, there is a faint but definite red mark on his right thigh.
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- Shane is aged 7 yrs with global developmental delay. He is brought to you by his mother and her partner with feeding problems and complaints of him smearing faeces. You note that his buggy is smelly and soiled but he is clean. You have not had contact with him for some time.
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- One of your patients brings her toddler to see you in emergency surgery with symptoms of a viral illness. She says she is exhausted by sleepless nights and wants antibiotics for the child. Her record suggests she is a single parent but she has come today with a boyfriend who you recognise as one of the substance misusers on your opiate substitution programme.
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- A teacher, who you have been seeing for some years because of mental health problems, becomes pregnant. She wants to stop her anti-depressive medication and does not want her husband or maternity services to know about her previous problems.
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