

## Exercise

Read the Evans family case study and the associated family members' stories and then discuss the following questions:

1. Previous contact with children's social care services has not resulted in an in-depth assessment, do you think this was the right decision?
2. Do you think Fiona and Steve meet the basic needs of each of their children? Do you think they need further support? If so, who can offer support or intervention?
3. Are each of the children safe? Do Fiona and Steve give attention to all three children or do you think the trouble Liam sometimes causes means the younger children's needs are overlooked?
4. How would you describe relationships within the family? Are there concerns about the welfare or safety of any of the children? Who can help if it is needed?
5. How are each of the children getting on at school? Do you think they get the right help at home from their parents? If not, what can you do?
6. Are there clear routines and boundaries in the home? Are each of the children aware of them and do they keep to the rules? Do you think this is an area of concern – if so, what can you do?

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