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1. **Title:** Ellie, Drugs
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3. **Keywords:** Addiction, Neglect, Recognition and Response
4. **Summary of story:** Ellie and her partner are prescribed methadone. Their care of their children is causing concern.

Case Study is at Annex A

**5. Main Characters:**

Ellie Green (21),  
John (23),  
Sandi (4)  
John Jr (1  $\frac{1}{2}$ ).

**6. Author's Notes**

This short scenario was originally used in the context of introductory child protection training. It gives brief information from which participants are asked to identify what they are concerned about and what they would do next.

**7. Commentary**

- 8. Supporting materials (video/audio/casenotes/reports/assessments etc) with Case document index of:**
- **Videos (Character/location/Action/script) Link reference in case narrative/ story, i.e. number of paragraph)**
  - **Written (Source - agency/individual whatever. Kind of document. Link reference in case narrative/story, i.e. number of paragraph)**
  - **Audio (Character/location/Action/script) Link reference in case narrative/story, i.e. number of paragraph)**

**9. Learning activities which this case study might support/link to/be used in**

Any RLO which is about assessment, recognition and response

**10. Links to learning framework case examples - ref (e.g. Case 2 Drugs)  
Case 3 Drugs**

11. Links to specific topics in the learning framework, i.e. topics from the training framework which this story might be used to 'illustrate'.

S1-3 Be aware of your contribution to the prevention of abuse by support to families, and communities and by other means

S1-4 Know what to do if you are worried about a child

S1 - 5 Know what to do to promote the welfare of children

S1 - 9 Be aware of some specific vulnerabilities and categories of abuse and neglect

12. Tutor's notes:

13. Case duration:

14. Date:

ANnex A

Ellie Green (21), and her partner John (23), have two children, Sandi (4) and John Jr (1  $\frac{1}{2}$ ). Both Ellie and John are prescribed methadone users but there have been concerns recently that they are continuing to use heroin. During a visit to the family home you find John clearly under the influence of something, very lethargic and unresponsive. Ellie is in a very agitated state, anxious to get money, you suspect to buy drugs. The children are in their bedroom and are both in John Jr's cot. Both children are distressed, dirty and do not appear to have been fed.