

Resource title: *How sensitive to poverty and social exclusion are you in your daily practice?*

Video Transcript

Clip 1

The first visit I had from a social worker she came to the block of flats I lived in ran up the stairs because they were full of human excrement and urine and when she came in to my home she said to me: 'Why would you choose to live in a place like this?' I was just really set back because I thought nobody would - it must be obvious that no one should choose to live here, we are here because it was all we were offered, it was all I could get, when I said that to her she said: 'You should have fought harder for a nicer place' I was just really astounded.

I've still heard of families being told: 'You shouldn't be living here, you should move somewhere else', or 'You should decorate this flat'. 'If a 60 minute programme can go in and out they can transform a house why can't you, over the next 12 weeks, do this flat up?' people have said: 'Where am I going to get the money?, the paint?, the skills? what am I going to do with 5 kids while I'm painting?, how am I going to live my life and do all that as well?'