

CASE

Sandy Vickers

PATIENT

Name: Sandy Vickers
Age: 38 years
Occupation: Supermarket cashier
Family situation: Separated from husband 1 year. Living with a new partner for 3 months, one 7 year old daughter.
Past history: Nil Significant
Medications: Nil

Description of the Situation

Sandy is a woman aged 38. She has a seven year old daughter and a year ago separated from her husband, after he had been having an affair with another woman. She has got very bitter about this situation, but over the past three months has developed another relationship and her boyfriend is now living with her. Each weekend her ex-husband takes her daughter for the weekend into his own household with his defacto wife and with her three children. Generally Sandy has been surprised at how smoothly this has all gone. On Sunday afternoon she arrived home late from her weekend job as a check out cashier at a Supermarket to find her daughter had been dropped off earlier by her husband. Her boyfriend indicated that Jodie her daughter had seemed upset and she was quiet and a bit withdrawn since then. Last night she finally got out of her daughter that she had been upset because "daddy had touched me down below". Sandy's defacto was very angry and she presents to her GP requesting that he or she examine Jodie to see if she has been sexually abused. She will get upset and angry if this request is not dealt with as she has told her daughter that her doctor will talk to her and examine her. She will be very resistant to any idea of this being reported to the child abuse team. She will have seen this doctor a couple of times in the past with Jodie who has had two ear infections in the past year.

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