Early Years

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The family are from the travelling community.

- What would you do immediately?
- Would you record the incident, and if so where?
- What actions would you take in the longer term?
- If you felt that you needed to take further advice who would you speak to?

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Secondary / college

A pupil discloses to you that he is gay. He says that he has shamed his community, his cousins beat him up and he is scared his uncle will carry out his threat of sending him to other family to marry to ‘straighten him out.’

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