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| Continuum of sexual behaviours by children and young people – HACKETT 2010 Children and Young People with Sexually Harmful Behaviours |
| **Normal** | Developmentally expected.Socially acceptable.Consensual, mutual, reciprocal.Shared decision-making. |
| **Inappropriate** | Single instances of inappropriate sexual behaviour.Socially acceptable behaviour within peer group.Context for behaviour may be inappropriate.Generally consensual and reciprocal. |
| **Problematic** | Problematic and concerning behaviours.Developmentally unusual and socially unexpected.No overt elements of victimization.Consent issues may be unclear.May lack reciprocity or equal power.May include levels of compulsivity. |
| **Abusive** | Victimising intent or outcome.Includes misuse of power.Coercion and force to ensure compliance.Intrusive.Informed consent lacking, or not able to be freely given by victim.May include elements of expressive violence. |
| **Violent** | Physically violent sexual abuse.Highly intrusive.Instrumental violence which is physiologically and/or sexually arousing to the perpetrator.Sadism. |
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