

# What is Intra – Familial Harm

‘These offences reflect the modern family unit and take account of situations where someone is living within the same household as a child **or that the child regards as family** and assuming a position of trust or authority over that child, as well as relationships defined by blood ties, adoption, fostering, marriage or living together as partners.’ DoE

- Likely to start at a younger age
- Can be hidden from other family members
- Continues over multiple years
- Child is less likely to disclose
- Child is less likely to be believed by family members
- High levels of secrecy, shame and humiliation
- Female perpetrators not always identified
- Cultural perceptions