**Scenario 1: Adam**

**Adam** is 24 and was born and raised in the UK. As a teenager he wanted a stronger connection to a religion that he felt met his needs. Through friends he became involved in a religious group that fitted his sense of the kind of person he wanted to be. Adam’s identity is now strongly grounded in the beliefs and activities of this group.

Adam has become especially close to two older men in the group, who give him advice and guidance. One of these older men has become a father figure for Adam and he often seeks advice from this senior figure, who is also the religious group’s leader. However, Adam is also strongly influenced by younger men in his group. He shares common interests with them and several have become good mates.

Recently, Adam’s view of the world, influenced by both his friends in the group and what he reads on the internet, has led him to see violent conflict as necessary and inevitable. He has also started to view large amounts of extremist literature, instructional manuals and material from overseas conflicts. Adam has started to advocate for the use of violence to change government policy, and to idolise as heroes those who use violence for political ends. He is eager to take violent action that he sees as advancing the cause of justice. He understands the risks of this and has not told his older mentor about his plans, fearing his disapproval. But he has told in confidence one close friend and one relative outside his religious group about the plans he is making to take violent action which he believes is the right and necessary thing to do.

**You** are close to Adam. While you don’t share his world view or beliefs, you have been supportive of his religious development and think in many ways it has done him a lot of good. He tells you, in confidence, about his plans to commit acts of violence in the service of his beliefs. You know he is sincere and that he has struggled a lot in his life up until now. But you are also very worried for Adam’s safety if he becomes involved in violence either overseas or at home. You care about him as a person, and about the impact his choices may have on his family.