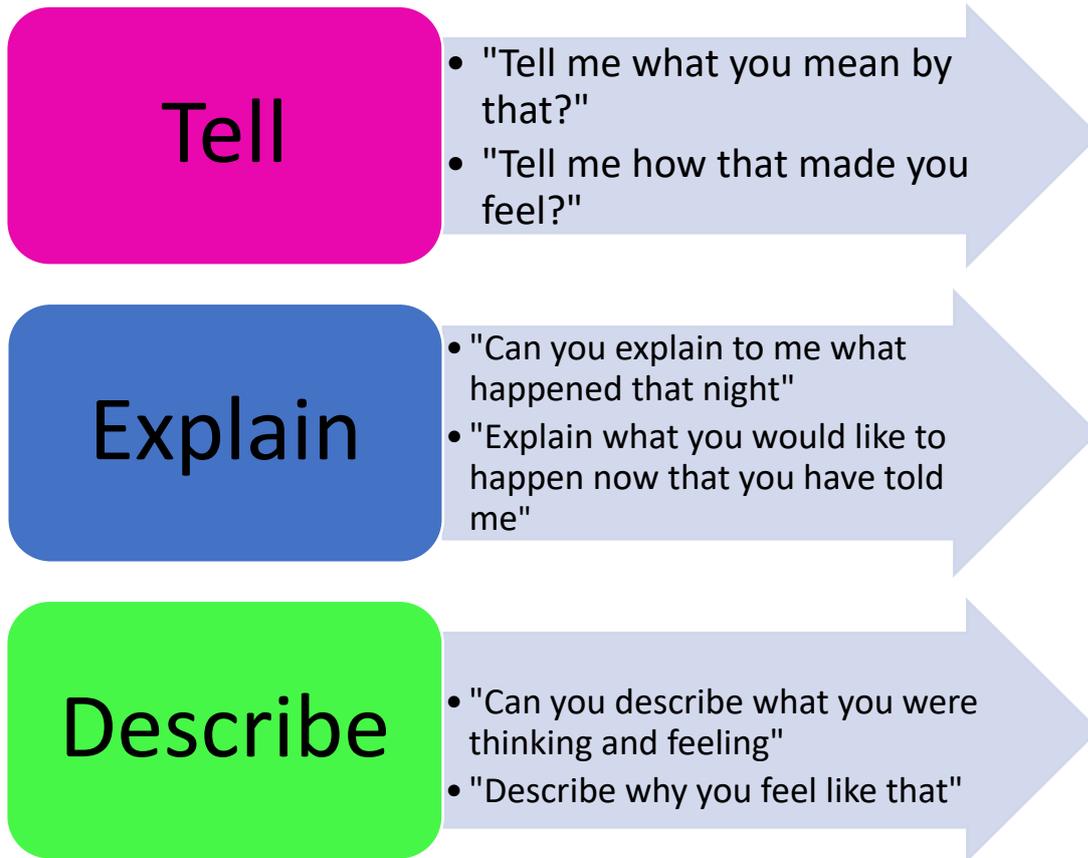


What to do when a child/ YP makes a disclosure to you.

TED method- Be prepared to have a conversation with a child or YP who has disclosed to you.

	Let them know they have done the right thing in telling you and show take your them seriously. A child/YP could keep abuse secret in fear they won't be believed. They've told you because they want help and trust you'll be the person who will listen to and support them.
	Explain that you cannot keep it confidentially and need to talk to the other professionals who can help.
	Use the Ted method to avoid closed or probing questions- the TED method will help with this.
	Record what is said accurately and not what you think. It must be fact and if it is opinion or interpretation, then make this clear on your Logging a Concern Form.
	Reassure them- Tell them it's not their fault. Abuse is never the child's/YP's fault and they need to know this Use phrases like; 'I am going to try to help you', 'You are not to blame', 'You did the right thing by telling me'.
	Tell the child/YP what will happen next/ what you plan to do.
	Rapport immediately to your DSP, do not hesitate and complete a Logging a Concern Form. Follow your organisations Safeguarding Policy and Procedure.
	Don't ever show disgust or show you are shocked.
	Don't ever make assumptions, do not fill in gaps or finish sentences for them.
	Don't try and investigate yourself. Our job is to report it and then the appropriate services will continue.

TED method



You can practice the TED method on a day to day basis and try and get in the habit of asking open ended question.

Instead of saying: "Did you have a good day?" because the answer can only really be yes or no and does not give children & YP the chance to expand, try and say: "Tell; me all about your day". This allows children & YP to give an expanded open answer and allows for discussion.

Why not try it by asking a friend what they did at the weekend but make it an open question.