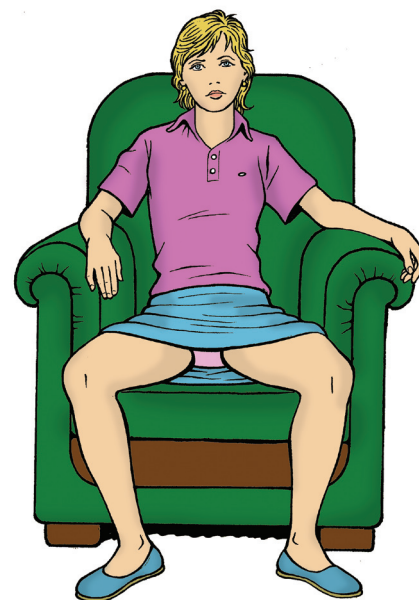


the big ? question



the big question is an assessment designed for use with adults and young people with learning disabilities. The aim of the assessment is to provide information about clients' basic sexual and socio-sexual knowledge.



PHYSICAL DIFFERENCES

- a Is this a picture of a boy or a girl?
- b How can you tell?

EMBRACING

- a What are these people doing?
- b Why do people do this?
- c Would a boy/girl friend cuddle like this?
- d Would a brother/sister friend cuddle like this?

PRIVACY

- d Can you see anything wrong with this picture?
- e Is it OK to be naked in front of strangers?
- f Is it OK to be naked if a doctor needs to examine you?

the big question consists of clear pictures and corresponding questions aimed at eliciting information from clients about various aspects of sexuality and sexual health. Guidance notes on using the assessment are included. The areas covered by the assessment include physical differences, privacy, consent, contraception and sexual health. The assessment is designed to be used in a flexible way by professionals working in the field of learning disabilities with some background knowledge of sexuality and sexual health. The assessment results can be used to identify areas of strength and weakness in clients' knowledge, and to inform teaching in the areas of sexual health.