When parental presence is lost, children lose their sense of what is and what is not acceptable. The parent is no longer a presence in their mind or lives to guide them.

Discuss with the parent:

1. The ways in which CPV has changed the parent-child relationship

2. Explore they ways in which the parent can begin to re-establish connections with their child

3. Provide the parents with information on increased parental presence

Suggestions of ways to increase parental presence:

- Sending text messages or making calls to say hello
- Knocking and opening the child's bedroom door as you walk by
- Ask more questions about the child's daily life – where they go and what they do