**SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELL-BEING (WALES) ACT**

**HANDOUT**

**Briefing Note: Gavin**

You are 28 years old. This is your first time in custody and you are scared and wary. Before coming in on remand for burglary you had been receiving help with your mental health problems. You are bipolar and when taking your medication you are stable and able to function well. You don’t like some of the side effects so quite often you don’t take it and things can go wrong. You have a partner and she too has mental health problems. You are worried that she will now be coping on her own with your two children under five, both of you had been having help with care of the children because of concerns recently about their failure to thrive. You are not sure how much to trust prison staff and don’t want to be labelled a ‘nutter’.