

## Handout 4.1: Sal – a pen picture

- 17 years old;
- history of truanting and temporary exclusions;
- caught shop-lifting once but the shopkeeper did not press charges;
- two brothers aged 8 and 13, and one sister aged 6;
- Mum is a single parent and severely disabled;
- Sal and brothers and sister have had various foster families;
- Sal and brothers and sister have lived at home for the last two years;
- Sal does most of the shopping and housekeeping for the home;
- Sal takes sister and youngest brother to school in the morning;
- Sal's other brother goes to school by bus but is a regular truant.