

to think



Every child matters

to care





WHAT'S IT LIKE LIVING IN A REFUGE?

"There were more positives than negatives." Martin, 12

POSITIVE

"Nice, kind people. Workers for me kept me going, talkin, feelings. Had chances to go on trips, meet other young people and made lots of new friends. Felt safe and I had a lot of space."

NEGATIVE

"Felt a bit lonely without my family. Different from being in our own home. Not having my mates over"

Maxine, 14

What might your experiences be?

POSITIVE

NEGATIVE

A 'CHILD CONTACT' SURVEY FOUND THAT 76% OF THE 130 WOMEN WHO TOOK PART SAID THEIR CHILDREN HAD BEEN ABUSED DURING CONTACT VISITS WITH THE FATHER.

(Amica, "Unreasonable Fears", 1999)

If you have been or fear being abused by a parent during a contact visit it will help to talk about it with a support worker or other adult you can trust. See card number 11 for additional support links.