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Question 1 - How can I summarize the steps of the Sexto method?

The Sexto method provides a structured approach for intervening when a situation involving the sharing of intimate images among young people is brought to our attention. I understand the method as a process that requires the intervener to remain calm, listen, assess the situation, protect the person involved and determine the appropriate interventions and resources rather than reacting impulsively.

The first important step is to receive and listen to the disclosure. The intervener needs to create a safe environment where the young person or the person reporting the situation can explain what happened. It is important to listen without judgment and without immediately blaming the young person. This is particularly important because a young person may already be experiencing fear, shame, embarrassment or anxiety.

The next step is to gather and assess the relevant information. The intervener needs to understand what happened, who is involved, what was shared, how it was shared and whether there is a risk that the image could be further disseminated. The intervener should distinguish between what is known and what is assumed. The three situations demonstrate why this assessment is important: in Case 1, the information comes from Cassandra, in Case 2, Meghan directly reports the situation herself and in Case 3, Nicolas's father reports what he discovered on his son's phone.

The method then requires the intervener to evaluate the situation and determine the appropriate response. The response should be adapted to the circumstances rather than being identical in every case. The intervener must consider the young person's safety, needs, wishes, and the seriousness of the situation. The goal is not simply to react to the existence of an intimate image, but to understand the circumstances surrounding it and determine what intervention is necessary.

Another important element is supporting and protecting the young person. The young person should not be made to feel that they are responsible for the situation simply because they created or shared an intimate image. The intervention should focus on safety, support, and helping the young person understand what is happening and what steps can be taken.

Lastly, the method involves mobilizing the appropriate people and resources and following up. Depending on the circumstances, this may involve school personnel, parents or guardians, specialized resources or other appropriate authorities. Follow up is important because intervention does not necessarily end once the initial action has been taken. The young person's well being and the evolution of the situation should continue to be considered.

Overall, I see the Sexto method as a way to help me slow down and think carefully before acting. It guides me through listening, understanding what happened, assessing the situation, deciding how to intervene, involving the right people and following up. What I find especially valuable is that it reminds me not to let my emotions or first reaction take over. Even when a situation feels urgent or concerning, I need to take a step back, look at the situation as a whole and make sure that my response is really in the best interest of the young person and their well being.

Question 2 - What have I learned from the three situations presented?

The 3 situations helped me understand that there is no single response that can be applied automatically whenever an intimate image involving a young person is reported. Although the situations have similarities, the circumstances surrounding each case are different and these differences affect how an intervener should approach the situation. The Sexto method therefore requires both structure and professional judgment.

In Case 1, Cassandra is the person who reports that Meghan sent an intimate image of herself to her boyfriend. What stood out to me was that Meghan did not approach the school herself. This means that the intervener first needs to understand what actually happened and consider how to approach Meghan. I learned that receiving information from a third party does not mean that I should immediately make assumptions about the young person's experience or intentions. I need to listen, gather info and intervene in a way that protects Meghan while avoiding judgment or unnecessary escalation.

Case 2 was different because Meghan herself approaches the intervener and clearly expresses that she is worried and wants action to be taken. This situation made me think about the importance of listening to the young person's concerns and taking their fear seriously. Meghan may be experiencing anxiety because she no longer feels in control of the image. An appropriate intervention therefore needs to address both the practical situation and her emotional well being. I learned that an intervener should not minimize a young person's concerns simply because the image has not necessarily been disseminated. The fear that it could be disseminated is itself something that needs to be taken seriously.

Case 3 raised different questions because the information comes from Nicolas's father. His father discovered intimate images on Nicolas's phone without Nicolas knowing that his father had contacted the school. This situation made me reflect on the importance of considering multiple perspectives before intervening. The father's concern is legitimate, but the intervener has not yet heard Nicolas's

perspective. I would therefore need to be particularly thoughtful about how to approach Nicolas and avoid immediately confronting him in a way that would create shame or embarrassment. This case also reminded me that an intervener needs to distinguish between the information they have received and what they still need to understand.

Across the three cases, I learned that the source of disclosure matters. A friend, the person themselves or a parent may each provide different information and have different concerns. I also learned that the young person's role can change from one situation to another. They may be unaware that the school knows, actively seeking help or unaware that a parent has already taken action. This means that the intervener needs to adapt their communication and intervention.

Another important thing I learned is the importance of not blaming the young person. In each situation, it would be easy to focus on the fact that an intimate image was created or shared. However, doing so could cause the young person to feel ashamed and make them less likely to seek help in the future. The Sexto approach helped me understand that the purpose of the intervention is not to punish or lecture the young person, but to assess the situation, reduce risks, provide support and determine the next steps.

I also learned that confidentiality, privacy and communication require careful consideration. Case 3 particularly demonstrates how complicated this can become when information has already been accessed or shared by another person. An intervener has to think about what information needs to be communicated and for what purpose. At the same time, the intervener cannot promise absolute confidentiality if the situation requires the involvement of other resources.

Finally, the three cases showed me that the Sexto method is not simply a sequence of instructions to follow mechanically. The steps provide a framework, but the intervener still has to exercise judgment. The same type of situation can require a different approach depending on who disclosed the information, what the young person wants, the level of risk, what has already happened and lastly what support is available.

Question 3 - Which step do I find the most delicate when applying the Sexto method?

The step I find the most delicate when applying the Sexto method is assessing the situation and determining the appropriate intervention without reacting too quickly or making assumptions. I find this step particularly delicate because it requires the intervener to balance several responsibilities at the same time: listening to the young person, understanding the facts, evaluating the level of risk, respecting the person's privacy/dignity, involving the appropriate people and making sure that the intervention does not unintentionally make the situation worse.

My first instinct as an adult might be to want to immediately solve the problem, particularly if I believe

that a young person could be vulnerable or that an intimate image could be disseminated. However, the three situations made me realize that an immediate reactions is not the same thing as an appropriate intervention. The Sexto method requires me to slow down enough to understand the situation before deciding what action is needed.

Case 1 illustrates this particularly well. Cassandra reports what happened, but she is not the person who shared the image. If I immediately acted on Cassandra's information without carefully assessing the situation, I could make assumptions about Meghan's experience or intentions. I would need to understand the circumstances and then determine how to approach Meghan in a supportive and respectful way. This reminds me that an intervener has to separate the information received from their own interpretation of that information.

In Case 2, Meghan herself asks for help because she is afraid that the image will be widely disseminated. Here, the delicate part is balancing reassurance with appropriate action. I would not want to minimize Meghan's fear by telling her that everything will be fine when I cannot guarantee that. At the same time, I would not want my reaction to increase her anxiety or make her feel that she is in serious trouble. I would need to listen carefully, acknowledge her concern, assess the situation and explain the next steps. This case shows me that an intervention can be both protective and reassuring without making promises that cannot be guaranteed.

Case 3 presents perhaps an even more complex application of this step. Nicolas's father has discovered intimate images on his son's phone and has already decided that the school should intervene. However, Nicolas does not know that his father has contacted the school. If I immediately confronted Nicolas with the information, I could potentially damage his trust in both his father and the school. I therefore need to think carefully about how to approach the situation, what information I actually have, what information I still need, and how to involve Nicolas in the intervention appropriately. This case demonstrates that even when an adult is acting out of concern for a young person's safety, the way the intervention is carried out matters.

What makes this step particularly delicate is that there is tensions between acting quickly and acting thoughtfully. In a situation involving intimate images, there may be a legitimate concern about further dissemination, so the intervener cannot simply ignore the situation or delay unnecessarily. At the same time, acting without sufficient understanding can lead to unintended consequences. The Sexto method gives me a structure for navigating this tension: I can respond to the concern while still taking the time to listen, gather information, assess the circumstances and determine the appropriate response.