



What's working?

Maria:

I'm excited about looking for someone and the thought that someone might be out there for me.

I enjoy finding out what people are like on the internet dating sites.

It's useful to see what people look like and what they like doing – I can pick and choose what might work for me.



What's not working?

I haven't found the right person yet.

I'm a little nervous about meeting someone for the first time, and whether they'll like me.

I know that some people who know me are worried about me meeting someone, but I don't want anything to get in the way and don't want to feel embarrassed by anyone interfering.

Maria's Mom:

It is a good thing in principle. I like the idea of Maria being with a nice man to keep her company.

Maria talks to me about it, which is reassuring for me.

Maria is safe and quite happy now, and I'm worried that this will change if Maria meets someone who isn't very nice.

I'm not sure Maria is ready for a close and intimate relationship.

I have concerns that the internet sites Maria looks at are unsafe – I don't know much about it.

I'm concerned that my worries will upset Maria and she will push me away.

I'm uncertain whether Maria can cope with the ups and downs of life that come with a relationship.

Maria's support worker:

It's great to see Maria doing her own thing and she loves talking about it.

The internet sites seem pretty safe and well organized. So far, every time Maria has seen someone new she had let me know and we've talked about where is best to meet and keeping safe.

I'm excited for Maria.

I am a little concerned over Maria's safety. I know she has spoken to men on internet sites and although nothing bad has happened, I still worry.

I know her Mom worries a lot and I fear this will come between them as Maria doesn't like the fuss.

I'm not always sure what my role is as I feel as though I'm in the middle of all this. I'd like us all to be clearer of that.

What needs to happen next to build on what's working and change what's not working?