

Word	Suggested Alternative
Aggressive	Assertive/Determined/Reacting to a situation
Disruptive	Expressive/Expressing a need/Needing Support or help
Loner	Shy/Independent/Happy on their own
Moody	Having a bad day/Having a bad moment
Risky	Unaware of a situation/Brave
Putting themselves at risk	Seeking reassurance elsewhere
Guarded	Anxious/Quiet/Scared
Sarcastic	Using humour as a coping mechanism/Has a good sense of humour
Untrusting	Cautious
Care leaver	Care Experienced person/Expert in care
Below average	Learning or developing at their own pace
Challenging	I found the behaviour challenging/In distress/Reacting to a situation/Upset/Unmet need
Difficult	Not understanding/Having a bad day or moment/Needing support/Struggling to cope
Attention Seeker	Looking for support/Unmet need
Defiant	Strong willed
Manipulative	Assertive/Intelligent
Sanctions	Consequences
Placement	Home
Siblings	Brothers or sisters
Abscond	Ran or run away
Residents	People/Young people
Contact	Family time/Spend time with
Unit	House/Home
LAC	Use their name! Young people/Care experienced young people
Non-engaging	Not ready – look at organisation and family approach
Non-compliant	Not ready – look at organisation and family approach
Promiscuous	Seeking comfort or reassurance elsewhere

Making bad choices (drug/alcohol related)	No or poor coping mechanisms/Seeking something/Survival mode
Hard to reach	Not approached enough – look at organisation and family approach
Service User	Use their name
Offender	Use their name
Respite	A short break for the child to feel more relaxed and supported/Sleepovers/Holiday/Time away/Visiting family or friends