**Adult Literacy Awareness Course**

**Frank Cooper Boundaries Questions[[1]](#footnote-1) (answered individually and then discussed in small group)**

***Question: A Learner tells you that you "really get them and no one else is as good a tutor", they express that they think you are wonderful***

***Do you?***

A. Thank them

B. Act pleased but modest

C. Explain you are just doing your job that you enjoy

D. Act embarrassed but give them a hug

**(C is middle of the ground boundaries, the others are to lose, non-existent)**

***Question: A Learner Asks you are you married, and do you have any children?***

A.Give a totally honest answer

B. Tell them it's none of their business

C. Acknowledge your situation without giving too much away

D. Get out the family photos on your phone to show them

E. Have a joking moan about your partner, and/or your children

**(C is middle of the ground boundaries, the others are to lose, non-existent or too rigid)**

**One of your learners brings you a reasonably expensive bottle of perfume/aftershave as a gift at the end of your course.**

**What do you do?**

A. Accept the gift with thanks

B. Refuse the gift as it would be inappropriate

C. Accept the gift but say that you will have to share it with the team

**(B is the appropriate boundary, while some small tokens of gifts (sweets) can be shared with team or learners' perfume or anything of a personal nature is a NO)**

**A student asks you are you on Facebook/Instagram and can they 'add you'**

**Do you?**

**A.** Explain you are, however, you do not add learners it is strictly kept for family/friends

B. You are on Social Media, but you tell them No and just hope they won't find your profile

C. Say yes, and give them your name or add them there and then

D. Feel embarrassed and say yes but just don't accept the invite when it arrives

(A is the appropriate professional boundary)

1. *Professional Boundaries in Social Care & Social Care Work*, Cooper, F., (2012) Jessica Kingsley Publishers, London [↑](#footnote-ref-1)