

Let's **TALK**
about...

ADULT SAFEGUARDING

Supporting individuals and the community to prevent
abuse and neglect



What is Adult Safeguarding?

Adult safeguarding is a wide range of services working together to prevent the abuse and neglect of adults with care and support needs who are experiencing or are at risk of abuse and/or neglect, and are unable to protect themselves.

Professionals will work together to promote the well-being of the individual in accordance with their wishes feelings and beliefs.

What are care and support needs?

- Learning disability
- Physical disability
- Long term condition
- Acquired brain injury
- Drug or alcohol addiction
- Mental illness

Abuse is... The intentional mistreatment of another person, causing them harm.

Neglect is... A form of abuse. It is the ongoing failure to meet the needs of a person you care for. The adult may be hungry, dirty or left without adequate supervision or access to healthcare or medication. Types of abuse includes:

- Domestic Abuse
- Physical Abuse
- Sexual Abuse
- Psychological Abuse
- Modern Slavery
- Neglect
- Self-neglect and Hoarding
- Organisational Abuse
- Financial Abuse
- Discriminatory Abuse



If you know an
adult is in
immediate
danger, dial 999

Spotting the Signs of Abuse and Neglect

When a person is experiencing, or at risk of, abuse or neglect their behaviour, appearance and mood might change. They may not want to go to the same places, or react differently to people they previously liked. Signs can include:

- Withdrawing from friends / family
- Feeling scared
- Appearing dirty or uncared for
- Change in friendship group
- Having less or no money
- Change in mood - tearful, angry or sad
- Appearing to be influenced or scared
- Loss of interest in hobbies / activities
- Being secretive