What is Abuse?

Wigan Safeguarding Adults Board

Abuse can take many forms and all of them are distressing.

Here are some examples:

1. **Physical**
   May include hitting, pushing, misuse of medication, restraint.
2. **Domestic Abuse**
   May include physical, sexual, financial, emotional, coercive control and honour based abuse.
3. **Psychological**
   May include threats, humiliation, blaming, controlling, isolation, coercion, cyber bullying.
4. **Financial**
   May include theft, fraud, internet scamming, coercion concerning wills, property inheritance possessions or benefits.
5. **Sexual Abuse**
   May include rape, indecent exposure, sexual harassment, and sexual assault.
6. **Modern Slavery**
   May include human trafficking, forced labour.
7. **Self Neglect**
   This occurs when an individual is unable to care for themselves, leading to harm.
8. **Discriminatory**
   On the grounds of religion, culture, gender, sexuality or disability.
9. **Organisational**
   This occurs when poor care practices, neglect, or systemic failures within an organisation lead to harm or distress
10. **Neglect/ Acts of Omission**
    The failure to meet a person's basic needs or failure to intervene in situations, either deliberately or through lack of awareness or resources, which can result in serious harm or risk of harm to the individual.

What can you do?

If you are concerned that an adult is in immediate danger please phone **999**.
If you are concerned that an adult is at risk of abuse or neglect but there is no immediate danger please share your concerns using this link **apps.wigan.gov.uk/adultsafeguardingreferrals/** or scanning the QR code here.

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If you have concerns about anyone under the age of 18 then please contact **999** if they are in immediate danger or for non urgent concerns then please contact Children's First Partnership Hub by using this link

wigansafeguardingchildren.co.uk/report-a-concerned-about-a-child-or-young-person