Together Against Abuse

Abuse can happen to anyone anywhere.

Be the eyes and ears. See it? Report it.

What is Abuse?

Abuse can take many forms and all of them are distressing.
Here are some examples:

- **Physical**
  Examples may include hitting, pushing, misuse of medication, restraint.
- **Domestic Abuse**
  May include physical, sexual, financial, emotional, coercive control and honour based abuse.
- **Psychological**
  Examples may include threats, humiliation, blaming, controlling, isolation, coercion, cyber bullying.
- **Financial**
  Examples may include theft, fraud, internet scamming, coercion concerning wills, property inheritance possessions or benefits.
- **Sexual Abuse**
  Examples may include rape, indecent exposure, sexual harassment, and sexual assault.
- **Modern Slavery**
  Examples may include human trafficking, forced labour.
- **Self Neglect**
  This occurs when an individual is unable to care for themselves, leading to harm. Examples may include poor personal hygiene, unsafe living conditions, or lack of medical care.
- **Discriminatory**
  On the grounds of religion, culture, gender, sexuality or disability.
- **Organisational**
  Such as neglect or poor practice within a setting such as a hospital, care home or a person's own home.
- **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.

Who might abuse?

Abuse can happen anywhere, at any time and be caused by anyone.

It might be:

- a partner or relative
- a friend or neighbour
- a paid or volunteer carer
- other service users
- someone in a position of trust
- a stranger

What can you do?

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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.

What does the campaign mean?

Wigan Safeguarding Adults Board have launched the Together Against Abuse safeguarding campaign to raise awareness of adult abuse, what it is and how to report it.

We're asking everyone to be the 'eyes and ears' in their community and encourage you to report any safeguarding concerns you have about adults.

Please be aware of the signs of abuse and neglect and help others to recognise when they, or someone they know, might need help and support.

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:

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

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