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#TogetherAgainst ABUSE

Abuse can happen to anyone anywhere.
Be the Eyes and Ears. **If you see it, report it.**

See it? Report it.

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What is Abuse?

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



Physical

(hitting, pushing, misuse of medication, restraint)



Modern Slavery

(human trafficking, forced labour)



Domestic

(physical, sexual, financial, emotional and so-called 'honour' based violence)



Neglect

such as not being properly cared for, mismanaging medication, inadequate nutrition or heating



Psychological

(threats, humiliation, blaming, controlling, isolation, coercion, cyber bullying)



Discriminatory

on the grounds of religion, culture, gender, sexuality or disability



Financial

(theft, fraud, internet scamming, coercion concerning wills, property inheritance possessions or benefits).



Organisational

such as neglect or poor practice within a setting such as a hospital, care home or a person's own home.



Sexual

(rape, indecent exposure, sexual harassment, sexual acts, photography and assault to which the adult has not consented or was pressured into consenting)



Self-Neglect

such as not caring for one's personal hygiene and surroundings and non-engagement with services to the level where they are at significant risk.

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?

We are asking you to report abuse that you see and there are a number of ways:

To report a safeguarding concern or to seek advice visit www.wigan.gov.uk/

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What does the campaign mean?

We've launched the Together Against Abuse safeguarding campaign to raise awareness of 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 children, young people or 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.

Who's behind the campaign?

The Wigan Safeguarding Adult Board and Wigan Safeguarding Children Board oversees Safeguarding work in the borough.

They include a range of organisations including Wigan Council, Greater Manchester Police and Wigan Borough Clinical Commissioning Group, North West Boroughs NHS Foundation Trust and GM Fire and Rescue Service.

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