

Safeguarding adults



North East Lincolnshire

If you or someone you know is a vulnerable adult and suffering from abuse, harm or neglect call the safeguarding adults team for confidential advice.

Call: 01472 256256

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All you need to do is share your concerns with us – your call could make a difference

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What is abuse?

All adults (aged 18 years and over) should be able to live free from fear and harm and have their rights and choices respected.

Some vulnerable adults may not be able to protect themselves because they have:-

- a disability and / or are frail
- a mental health problem
- a serious illness
- difficulty making their wishes and feelings known

Abuse may be physical or sexual, it may involve people taking money or possessions without permission, or not looking after someone properly. It may include bullying or humiliation, or not allowing contact with friends or family. Abuse can be the result of a single act, or may continue over months or even years.

The person carrying out the abuse could be a relative, a partner, someone paid to provide care and services or even a volunteer, a neighbour, a friend or a stranger. Often the person carrying out the abuse is someone close to the vulnerable adult; someone who is loved and trusted by them.

Sometimes people can abuse without actually knowing it; where they may think they are caring for someone, but may not know how to do it properly or some people will deliberately abuse adults they see as an easy target. Abuse can be accidental or a deliberate act, either way advice is available.

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