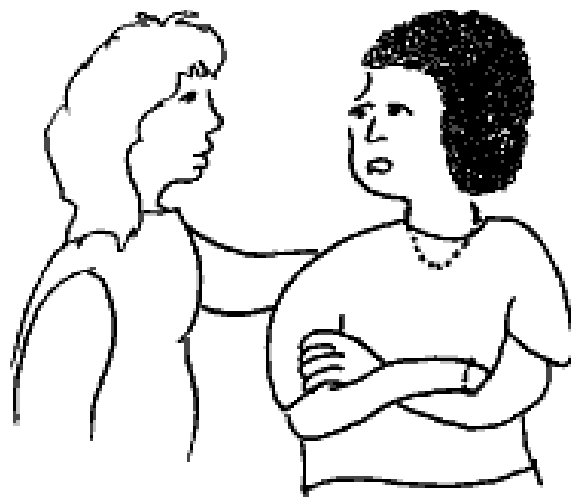


# What will happen if you tell someone you are being abused?



This leaflet tells people with learning disabilities about the Safeguarding Process. This is the process which happens when someone reports they are being abused

# Notes



## **What is adult abuse?**

Adult abuse is when someone hurts or scares you on purpose.

There are different types of abuse such as being hit, bullied, having money stolen and not being given the care you need.

Abuse can happen anywhere. It could be at your home, Day centre, Care home or at a friend's house.

Anybody can abuse you, even somebody you know.

## **Adult abuse is always wrong**



## **What to do if you think you are being abused.**

You need to tell someone if you are being abused.

You can tell someone that you like or someone that you know well.

This could be:

- Someone in your family
- A carer
- A friend
- Your doctor
- A Social Worker
- The Police

**The person you tell will listen to you.**



## What will happen when you tell someone about the abuse?

The person you tell will speak to the **Community Learning Disability team**. This is a group of people who support people with learning disabilities.

This Team will find out more information from you about the abuse.

- They will listen to what you say
- They will take what you say seriously
- They will value and respect you
- They will be able to make you feel safe.

The Social Care Team will decide if they need to do anything more.



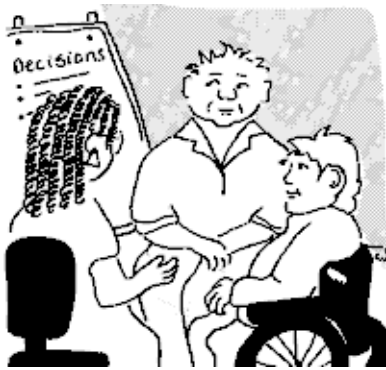
## Strategy Meeting

The Community Learning Disability Team might decide to have a special meeting. This meeting is called a Strategy Meeting.

This meeting will happen quickly. It will happen within 1 week.

The team will invite people who know you to the meeting. This could be your Social Worker, your Support worker or your Community Nurse.

**We will not invite the person that you told us has abused you.**



At the **Strategy Meeting** the Team will decide whether they need to carry out an **Investigation**. This means the Team will look more at what you have told them.

Sometimes the Team will decide not to do anything more. This might happen if the Team think that there is no risk to you or other people.

The Team will tell you what they are going to do



## **Investigation**

An Investigation means that the Team want to look more at what you have told them about your abuse.

The Investigation might be carried out by your Social Worker.

Sometimes the Police need to help with the Investigation. The Police will help if what has happened to you is serious such as a crime.

Someone will talk to the person you have told us is abusing you



After the Investigation, someone will tell you what they have found out. They will tell you what will happen next.

If more work needs to be done a special meeting called a **Case Conference** will be arranged.



## Case Conference

A Case Conference is a special meeting to decide whether you are at risk and how to keep you safe.

At the Case Conference people will:

- Talk about what has happened to you and decide what the risks are.
- Listen to what you want.
- Decide what help can be given to protect you and keep you safe

The Case Conference will be **confidential**. This means that no information will be shared outside the meeting unless it is agreed that this will happen.

Sometimes we might have to tell other people about what is said in this meeting. This would happen to keep you and others safe.



## Who will be at the Case Conference?

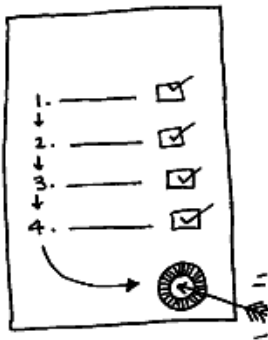
You can attend the Case Conference if you want to. You can also bring a family member or friend

If you do not want to attend the meeting that is ok. You will be told what happened after the meeting.



People who work with you will be at the Case Conference. This could be your Doctor, your Community Nurse, and your Social Worker.

There might also be a Police Officer at the meeting



### **Protection Plan**

If the people at the Case Conference are worried about you they will write a plan to keep you safe.

This is called a Protection Plan.

The plan will tell everyone what needs to happen to protect you and who needs to do it.



### **What happens next?**

The Team will carry on working with you until they are sure that everything is being done to keep you safe.

The Team might have to have more meetings. These are called **Protection Plan Reviews**.

Sometimes if the Team thinks there is no risk to you they will stop the investigation process.

If you still feel you need help the Team might be able to arrange this for you.



## Contact Information

If you want to talk to someone about what it says in this leaflet or about being abused, you can contact:

- **North Community Learning Disability Team**  
**Tel: 01384 813360**
- **South Community Learning Disability Team**  
**Tel: 01384 813925**
- **Jadwiga Shields Adult Protection Officer**  
**Tel: 01384 813 925**



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