



Don't let somebody vulnerable be abused



CARELINE : 0800 137915



Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Partnership



*... and YOU
because safeguarding is
everybody's business*



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Abuse destroys lives

Abuse damages relationships

Abuse degrades and humiliates

Abuse steals peoples dignity

Abuse affects the most vulnerable in our society

Abuse costs lives



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- **What is CARELINE?**
- Careline is the number to call if you are concerned about a vulnerable person.
- Call 999 if the person is at immediate danger
- Call Careline 0800 137915 to report your concerns
- According to the nature of your concern Careline will pass the information on to the best people to deal with it.

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- Safeguarding cases are received by various organisations and dealt with under various processes.
- Much abuse, where there is a clear breach of the law, is dealt with directly by the police.
- Others are investigated by Trading Standards, Banks, NHS and other statutory organisations.
- Unfortunately it is likely that only a fraction of the amount of abuse that happens is reported at all.



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Where does it happen?

In Buckinghamshire there were 1050 referrals that came to the safeguarding team.

These statistics do not include the many cases investigated by other organisations. (April 2010-March 2011):

- 318** referrals were received about **physical abuse**
- 74** referrals were received about **sexual abuse**
- 178** referrals were received about **financial abuse**
- 216** referrals were received about **psychological abuse**
- 188** referrals were received about **neglect**
- 71** referrals were received about **institutional abuse**
- 5** referrals were received about **discriminatory abuse**

And these are only the ones people told us about!

Adult Abuse
Speak up

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Change this!

Neglect is degrading, undignified and can endanger life.

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Prevent this!

Financial abuse
can lead to
deprivation,
humiliation and
starvation



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How?

- Tell the police if you think a crime has been committed
- Tell Careline **0800 137915** if you become concerned about someone
- Tell your managers if you work with vulnerable people and are worried
- Tell someone you trust if you are being abused

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STOP IT

- Believe abuse happens
- Believe it is your responsibility to prevent or stop it
- Believe everyone has the right to live their life free from abuse and intimidation
- There are many agencies available to help you stop abuse but they need you to tell them there is a problem
- Listen and Report it!

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Physical abuse
causes injury, fear,
intimidation and
sometimes death

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Get involved!

Do you want to be part of helping people in your community to be safe and have better lives?

Do you have any ideas how we might do this?

Do you or any organisation you are part of feel they would like to play a role in this campaign?

Do you have time you could contribute?

If so contact

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