



Adults with Incapacity – Online Learning Course

Session 6: Class 4

Signs of Abuse



Emotional

Physical

Financial



Self harm

Sexual

Not an exhaustive or definitive list (will be overlaps)

Physical / neglect

- Actual signs (eg bruises, burns) [bear in mind may genuinely be accidental]
- Being hit, slapped, pushed or restrained
- Being denied food or water
- Not being helped to go to the bathroom when needed
- Not being cleaned
- Misuse of medicines
- Coercion and control

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Emotional

- Changed mood / changed behaviours
- Changed patterns
- Threats and intimidation
- Ignoring, excluding, isolating
- Humiliating
- Denial
- Making an individual fear that they will not receive the food or care they need
- Withholding important information

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Financial

- Apparent lack of money (not purchasing essential items)
- Bills not getting paid
- Documents that go missing
- Post redirection
- Improved / changed financial circumstances of those close to them
- Unexplained withdrawals
- Frauds / scams
- Belongings going missing
- Borrowing money and not giving it back

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Financial (continued)

- Taking over money management when they can to it – maybe with support
- Taking money as payment for coming to visit or spending time together
- Forcing someone to sell their home or assets without consent
- Tricking someone into bad investments
- Forcing someone to make changes in wills, property or inheritance
- Forging signatures
- Promising care in exchange for money
- Charging things against their card without their permission
- Confidence trickster to gain trust / perpetrate scams