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PATIENT NEWSLETTER

If you see something, SAY SOMETHING

Abuse, domestic violence and neglect are sadly a reality within every community and comes in many forms:

- Neglect – ignoring mental or physical needs, care, education, or basic life necessities or rights
- Bullying – from family, carers, friends
- Financial – theft or use of money or possessions
- Sexual – assault, rape, non-consensual acts (including acts where someone is unable to give consent), touching or indecent exposure
- Physical – hitting, assault, man-handling, restraint, pain, forcing/covert medication, female genital mutilation
- Psychological – threats, fear, being controlled, taunts, isolation
- Discrimination – abuse based on perceived differences and vulnerabilities
- Institutional abuse – in hospitals, care homes, support services or individuals within them, including inappropriate behaviours, discrimination, prejudice, and lack of essential safeguards.

Deprivation of Liberty

What some may call protection, others may call deprivation of liberty. Locking a confused relative in their home to prevent them from wandering outside may seem like the best option but what happens if there is a fire or other emergency? Installing tracking devices and other surveillance equipment may be with good intentions but everyone has rights that must be respected, even if someone has dementia or other cognitive issue.

BREAK THE SILENCE



STOP THE VIOLENCE!

If you are caring for someone with dementia or other illness which affects their ability to make decisions, please make sure you are aware of the current laws in place.

For more details see:

www.mind.org.uk/information-support/legal-rights/mental-capacity-act-2005/deprivation-of-liberty/

What should I do?

If you have a concern about:

A child, call Children's Safeguarding:
01522 782 111 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm)

An adult, call Adults Safeguarding:
01522 782 155 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm)

Or if it is outside office hours and can wait:
call 01522 782 333.

If you believe that a crime has been committed and there is an immediate risk of danger, call the police on 999 or 112.

If there is no immediate danger, call the police on 101.

If you have an injury, go to the nearest A&E.

Please don't rely on someone else to report abuse - a life may depend on it.

More information can be found at:

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/safeguarding/report-concern



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