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Safeguarding Adults

Adult Abuse ...What is it and what to do when you discover it?

Adult abuse is something that goes on in our community but is not noticed as often as you may think. A recent statistic produced by a local authority suggested that 20% of all adult abuse that occurs in their borough is not reported to the appropriate authority.

Abuse can be physical, psychological, financial, sexual, neglect and discriminatory. Many incidents could be either prevented or stopped if relatives or people working with adults were aware of the signs to look for that may indicate abuse is occurring.

The course will look at what adult abuse is and how it can be recognised in the working environment or the community within which we live.

It will provide participants with the knowledge of what is involved in reporting a concern within the work place or externally.

By having a basic knowledge of being able to recognise the signs of adult abuse and then knowing how to deal with it, report it and the process that follows, a member of staff can have the confidence to deal with situation when it arises.

This in turn may prevent unnecessary suffering by the victim and any future victims being abused.

Course Content

Group Discussion

Group Exercise

Participants after attending a one day course will:

- Be aware of the Vulnerable Adult legislation that applies.
- Understand definitions of Vulnerability and Abuse within the law.
- Be able to recognise and understand the different types of abuse.
- Be able to recognise risk factors and possible indicators of abuse.
- Be able to respond sensitively and appropriately to a disclosure or allegation.
- Have a basic awareness of DoLS and the Mental Capacity Act 2005
- Understand what information should be gathered and recorded.
- Understand what evidence needs to be protected and preserved.
- Understand how to report concerns internally.
- Understand the importance of reporting poor practice (whistle blowing)
- Have knowledge of Police investigation methods.

