



Financial Abuse

Merton Safeguarding Adults Board



Introduction

Stop abuse or neglect wherever possible

Prevent harm and reduce risk of abuse or neglect

Safeguard adults in a way that supports them in making choices and having control

Promote an approach that concentrates on improving the life for the adult

Raise public awareness

Provide information and support in accessible ways to help adults understand the different types of abuse, how to stay safe, how to raise a concern about the safety and well being of an adult at risk

Address what has caused the abuse

Financial Abuse definition

Financial or material-theft, ie, forced changes to a will, preventing access to money, loans between an adult at risk and member of staff or paid carer, loans made under duress.

Example. Mrs S-



Locations of abuse

Peoples own homes

Care homes

Supportive accommodation

Day centres

Hospitals

Shops and wider community (ANYWHERE)

Reporting concerns

Have you;

Obtained consent from the individual to raise the safeguarding concern

If the individual has capacity and does not consent, you can raise the concern if:

Other people are being put at risk

The alleged perpetrator has care and support needs and may also be at risk

A serious crime has been committed

Staff are implicated

Coercion is involved

It is of vital interest to prevent serious harm, distress or where a life is threatened

How to report a concerns

Everyone who witnesses abuse, or hears of it, or learns of a potentially abusive situation has a duty of care to report it to Merton Social Services. If you are unsure and want to speak with someone about it please contact

FIRST RESPONSE TEAM BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9.30am–
1.30pm: 020 8545 4388

E-mail to or by sending an email to
Safeguarding.adults@merton.gov.uk *

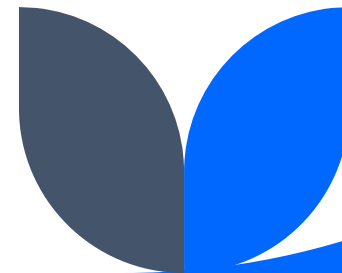


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IN AN EMERGENCY: CONTACT THE POLICE AND OTHER
APPROPRIATE EMERGENCY SERVICES WITHOUT DELAY - BY
DIALLING 999 OR 101

IT IS NEVER SOMEONE ELSE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONES RESPONSIBILITY



Useful Information

If you think that you have been scammed, it is important that you report this. Do not feel embarrassed or ashamed to do so. Action Fraud is available to help on 0300 123 2040.

Trading Standards offer free talks to community groups across the borough to empower residents, helping them identify scams and stay safe.

If you are interested in us visiting your group, please contact us on trading.standards@merton.gov.uk or 020 8545 3025

For more information on Safeguarding Adults [\(\[mertonsab.org.uk\]\(http://mertonsab.org.uk\)\)](http://mertonsab.org.uk)



Thank you

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