

## What if the person says no to sharing the concern?

There are times when the person does not have to agree to you sharing information, for example when other people are/ may be at risk (including children), a serious crime has been committed, the person may be under force or coercion.

If none of the above apply, you can still ask for advice. This can be done anonymously.

## Do I have to let the person know I am sharing the concern?

It is usually best to have a conversation with the person you are concerned about, if and when it is safe to do so. You should ask what they think about the situation, and to say you are concerned about them.

Explain why you are concerned, and that you wish to seek help for them.

## Who do I contact?

### To report a crime:

In an emergency, call the police on 999. If the person is not in immediate danger, call the police on 101.

### To report a safeguarding concern or to seek advice:

Call Adult Social Care on 03450507666 (Monday to Friday)

Or report anytime online anytime using the County Council's form, scan the QR code for more information.



# Are you concerned about an adult?



**SEE IT. HEAR IT.  
REPORT IT.**

**CALL  
OXFORDSHIRE  
COUNTY COUNCIL  
ON**

**0345 050 76 66**



## Different Forms of abuse:

- **Physical:** such as being hit, locked in a room or inappropriate restraint.
- **Domestic:** when abuse occurs between partners or by a family member. This can be verbal, physical abuse and humiliation.
- **Self-neglect:** when an adult fails to take adequate care of themselves, and it is having a substantial impact on their wellbeing.
- **Neglect:** involves the failure to provide care or support that results in someone being harmed.
- **Sexual:** such as being made to take part in a sexual activity when the adult is unable to, or has not, given their consent.
- **Financial:** such as theft, fraud, misuse of someone else's finances or resources, such as their home.
- **Discriminatory:** unequal treatment based on age, disability, gender, race, or religion.
- **Modern Slavery:** such as forced labour and human trafficking.

## What is abuse & neglect?

- **Abuse** is when someone does or says things to another person to hurt, upset or make them frightened.
- **Neglect** is when someone who should be looking after you isn't doing so, and it is causing you injury or harm. See the 'Different forms of abuse' section on the opposite page for more information.
- Adult abuse and neglect is wrong. It can happen to anyone, can happen anywhere, and can be committed by anyone.
- If you are concerned someone is being abused or neglected or is self-neglecting, call **0345 050 7666** and select **option 4 "Adult being abused or neglected"**.

If you're concerned that someone is starting to struggle to care for themselves, they may need a care needs assessment.

You or they can request one by calling **0345050 7666** and selecting the option 'Adult Social Care'.

## What is Safeguarding?

Safeguarding is about protecting people from abuse, preventing abuse from happening and making people aware of their rights. Abuse is always wrong, and no adult should have to live with abuse.

To find out more,  
scan the QR code

