#### HALTON SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD

# Safeguarding Adults Week 2021 - 7-minute briefings

### Why it Matters

Safeguarding

and You

#### Background

The theme for the National Safeguarding Week 2021 is "Creating Safer Cultures".

Promoting safer cultures is all about how organisations and individuals can take steps to minimise harm occurring in the first instance, whilst simultaneously ensuring correct policies and procedures are in place so that safeguarding concerns that are raised, are recognised and responded to effectively.

#### What to do

Absolutely anyone can raise a safeguarding concern and this is what you should do:

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Member of the public – Can report directly to Adult Social Care on **0151 907 8306** 

A member of staff – report to your line manager or supervisor. You can also contact Adult Social Care on **0151 907 8306** or use the online form:

https://adult.haltonsafeguarding.co.uk/what-is-abuse/

Safeguarding is for everyone, it is not just about knowing your role in an employment setting, but also knowing your role as a person in every day life to promote safer cultures in the community. Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility.

#### Information Types of Abuse:

### Physical Sexual Abuse Financial & Material Abuse Discriminatory Neglect & Acts of Omission

Domestic Abuse Psychological Modern Day Slavery Organisational Self-Neglect

## Spotting Signs of Abuse and Neglect

Workers across a wide range of organisations need to be vigilant about adult safeguarding concerns in all walks of life including health; adult social care; welfare; policing; fire service; banking and trading standards to name but a few. Abuse can happen anywhere, in someone's home, in a public place, in hospital, in a care home or in a college, for example.

#### Who abuses and neglects adults?

Anyone can abuse or cause neglect, including: spouses; other family members; neighbours; friends; carers; paid staff or professionals; volunteers; other adults with care and support needs; local resident.