

Safeguarding Bulletin

October 2024

This month's focus: Financial Abuse

Financial abuse is the **mistreatment of someone in terms of their money or assets**, such as their property (Age UK)

Types of financial abuse can include:

- Theft of money
- Misuse of power of attorney
- Arranging less care than necessary to save inheritance money
- Preventing someone access to their own money
- Someone moving into someone's home rent free without agreement
- Undue pressure or threats for someone to take loans, transfer money
- Denying assistance to access benefits
- False representation – using someone else's cards or bank account
- Scamming / fraud

What are the signs of financial abuse?

- Unexplained lack of money
- Power of attorney gained after someone has ceased to have mental capacity
- Individual assigned to look after financial affairs is evasive or uncooperative
- Recent changes in deeds or title to property
- Family or others show unusual interest in assets of the person
- Disparity between the persons living conditions and financial resources e.g. lack of food in the house

Worried about yourself or someone else?

[Useful contacts & links - Bowls Development Alliance](#)

[Financial abuse: spotting the signs and leaving safely \(moneyhelper.org.uk\)](https://moneyhelper.org.uk)



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Awareness Days

October – Black History Month

[Reclaiming Narratives: Theme for Black History Month 2024 - Black History Month 2024](#)

22nd October – International Stammering Awareness Day

[Events | STAMMA](#)

Weeks of Learning

On the 14th and 18th of October the BDA are delivering online sessions about Safeguarding Adults. Learn about the categories of adult abuse and how to report concerns.

You can sign up here:

[Education - Bowls Development Alliance](#)