

Neglect Abuse

Examples of neglect abuse can include:

- Regularly leaving the person unattended for long periods or abandoning them
- Lack of care including food, warmth, medication and access to medical treatment
- Failing to attend to physical needs such as toileting, dressing and washing
- Failing to provide access to appropriate health, social care or education services

Signs and symptoms of neglect abuse can include:

- Poor heating, lighting, food or fluids
- Poor physical condition of the person such as ulcers, bedsores
- The person's clothing and body seem to be scruffy and neglected
- Failure to give prescribed medication or get appropriate medical care
- Apparent unexplained weight loss
- Failure to provide appropriate privacy and dignity
- Carers reluctant to accept contact from health or social care professionals
- Refusal to allow visitors to see the person
- Inappropriate or inadequate clothing, or being kept in night clothes during the day
- Sensory deprivation - not allowed to have access to glasses, hearing aids or other communication aids
- The person thought to be at risk has no method of calling for assistance