

# 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](#)

**22<sup>nd</sup> October – International Stammering Awareness Day**

[Events | STAMMA](#)

### Weeks of Learning

On the 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 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](#)