

Keeping you safe from abuse



Financial Abuse

This booklet has information about
financial abuse

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www.surreysab.org.uk/resources/



You can read this booklet alone or with someone to support you.

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What is financial abuse?



Financial abuse is when someone takes your money or your things without you agreeing to it.



Taking your money or things without you agreeing to it is stealing.



Stealing is a crime and should be reported to the Police.



Anyone can be a victim of financial abuse. Even people who are really good with looking after their money.

Examples of financial abuse



Taking or borrowing your money or things but not giving them back.



Someone taking control of your money without you agreeing to it.



Someone taking your benefits.



Someone changing your **will** without permission.

A **will** is where you say what will happen to your money and things when you die.



Someone makes you pay for things which are for them and not you.

Signs of financial abuse



Money or vouchers going missing from your wallet or purse.



Money going missing from your bank account.



Things going missing from your home or your bag.



Someone forcing you to change your **will**.



Someone forcing you to make them your **benefits appointee**.

A **benefits appointee** is a person who helps you manage your benefits.

Who to tell



If you aren't sure or are too nervous to call anyone, **tell someone you trust.**



In an emergency

Dial 999 for the police.

If you can't speak and are calling on a mobile, press 55 to have you call transferred to the police.



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