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## Appendix 1 – Safeguarding Policy

Types and signs of abuse:

- **Physical:** bruising, black eyes, grab marks, scratches
- **Institutional/social:** lack of choice of when to sleep or get up, lack of cleanliness
- **Sexual:** hints by the vulnerable adult, withdrawn attitude
- **Psychological/emotional:** disrespect of the vulnerable adult, denial of person to access social activities and services, time alone with other people
- **Sectarian:** being exposed to flags, emblems or symbols deemed inappropriate to their beliefs
- **Financial:** unexplained inability to pay bills, under pressure to make a will, apparent lack of knowledge of income, financial resources and assets, others becoming financially dependent on the client
- **Neglect or Acts of Omission:** inadequate heating and or lighting, malnourished, sudden weight loss, dehydrated. Person cannot access health care
- **Self-neglect:** lack of personal hygiene, not eating or drinking an adequate diet. Not taking medication. Neglect in their accommodation
- **Domestic:** Witnessing controlling, bullying, threatening or violent behaviour between people in a relationship. It also includes emotional, physical, sexual, financial or physiological. Witnessing this abuse can seriously harm children and young people
- **Online:** Anything that happens on the web, i.e. Social networks, online games or using mobile phones. Children may experience cyberbullying, grooming, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or emotional abuse
- **Female Genital Mutilation (FGM):** the partial or total removal of external genitalia for non-medical reasons. It is dangerous and it is a criminal offence
- **Child Trafficking:** and modern slavery are child abuse. Children are recruited, moved or transported then exploited, forced to work or sold. Children are trafficked for sexual exploitation, benefit fraud, forced marriage, domestic servitude, forced labour or to commit crime such as pick pocketing/theft. Trafficking is often thought as being from one Country to another, but children can be trafficked within the UK



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- **Grooming:** where someone builds an emotional connection with a Child to gain their trust for the purpose of sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or trafficking. This can be face to face or online. Signs of grooming could include (being very secretive, have older boyfriends/Girlfriends, go to unusual places to meet friends, have new clothes or mobile phones they can't or won't explain or have access to alcohol and drugs)

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