**Safeguarding Adults: Financial abuse**

Financial or material abuse can take the form of fraud, theft or using a vulnerable adults’ property without their permission. This could involve large sums of money or just small amounts from a pension or allowance each week.

If you spot any of these signs, it could mean the person is experiencing financial abuse

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| Sudden withdrawal from bank account or sudden inability to pay bills  Power of Attorney is obtained when the person is unable to understand what they are signing |  | Purchase of items that the individual does not need or use, or personal items going missing    The person managing the finances is evasive and uncooperative |  | Extraordinary interest from family members in the vulnerable adult's assets   * Financial abuse or exploitation is a crime and should be reported to the police. * You can report this via their non-emergency 101 line |
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