

# Safeguarding Bulletin

April 2024

## This month's focus: Self – neglect

### What is self-neglect?

Self-neglect covers a range of behaviour neglecting to care of personal hygiene, health or surroundings.

### Examples of self – neglect:

- A refusal or inability to cater for basic needs, such as personal hygiene and appropriate clothing.
- Not seeking assistance for medical issues.
- Not attending to living conditions, for example, letting rubbish accumulate in the garden, or dirt accumulate in the house.
- Hoarding items or animals.

Self – neglect can be caused by a mental or physical illness that affects an individual's physical ability, motivation, energy levels or organisation.

### There are two types of self – neglect:

**Intentional, or Active Self-Neglect:** When a person makes a conscious choice to engage in self-neglect. For example, they may actively refuse to visit a doctor when they're feeling unwell (Ann Craft Trust).

**Non-Intentional, or Passive Self-Neglect:** When health-related conditions contribute to a risk of developing self-neglect. For example, a person with a learning disability may have lapses in concentration that may make them forget to attend to their personal hygiene (Ann Craft Trust).

**If you are concerned that someone is neglecting their basic needs, please speak to your Safeguarding Officer.**

## The Ann Craft Trust

The Ann Craft Trust have lots of information and resources to support adult safeguarding. [About the Ann Craft Trust - ACT](#)

## Awareness Days

### April:

**Stress awareness month** [Stress Awareness Month 2024 - The Stress Management Society](#)

**Parkinsons awareness month** [Homepage | Parkinson's Foundation](#)

**May 13<sup>th</sup> – Dementia awareness week** [DEMENTIA AWARENESS WEEK - May 13-19, 2024 - National Today](#)

[Specialist support to families facing dementia - Dementia UK](#)

## Week of Learning

We have our week of learning coming up in May. Check out the BDA website and sign up to a course.

[Education - Bowls Development Alliance](#)



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## Do you know who to contact?

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