

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 13th – 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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