

# Safeguarding Awareness – Key information for Councillors

## What is Safeguarding?

Safeguarding means protecting a person's right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect. It is about working together to support children, young people and vulnerable adults to make decisions about the risks they face in their own lives and protecting those who lack the capacity to make these decisions.

The **Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Partnership Board** are responsible for ensuring that children, young people and adults at risk of harm, neglect and exploitation across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough receive the help and protection that they need.



This council has a responsibility to fully engage with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding arrangements and ensure that the council follows inter-agency safeguarding procedures.

Our staff and operatives go into people's homes, take phone calls, provide services, manage open spaces, arrange activities, run facilities, licence, enforce, fund others.....  
**All staff must look and listen for signs of abuse.**

## Abuse can include:

- Psychological Abuse
- Financial Abuse
- Self-Neglect
- Domestic Violence
- Physical Abuse
- Neglect and Self Neglect
- Sexual Abuse
- Organisational Abuse
- Emotional Abuse
- Coercion
- Modern Day Slavery
- Extremism

## The Prevent Duty



Prevent is a Safeguarding duty. It's part of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act and means that local authorities have a role to play in helping to prevent people being drawn into extremism.

## Did you know....?

**ONE IN FIVE CHILDREN ARE EXPOSED TO DOMESTIC ABUSE.**



In **2023**, more than 17,000 potential victims of **Modern Slavery** were identified by the Home Office. There were 71 Modern Slavery crimes in 2019 in Cambridgeshire. The council has an Action Plan to tackle Modern Slavery and human



Over 500,000 older people experience elder abuse in the UK and sometimes it is multiple abuse.

The NSPCC estimate that around 1 in 10 children in the UK have been neglected. Neglect is the most common reason for taking child protection action.