



The adults reviewed for this multi agency audit are aged between 20 and 70. 3 are female and 3 male. 4 live in their own or rented home, one in a supported housing scheme and one lives with parents.

The adults in the audit have a range of issues in addition to Exploitation including alcohol and substance misuse, cancer, domestic abuse, learning difficulties, mental health, ADHD, Self Harm, missing episodes

What we are worried about?

The audit group saw concerns in terms of:

- No flag on police systems for an adult who is very vulnerable and has multi agency involvement
- Housing are a key partner for 2 of these adults but did not take part in the audit so there are gaps in understanding
- Victim of Domestic Abuse identified but not referred to Next Link
- Safeguarding referral not made
- 'Victim blaming' Language identified
- Think Family working – ensuring concerns relating to children are followed up and a referral made to Children's Social Care
- Possible coercion with someone being forced to give their medication to a 'friend' - identified but not followed up with GP
- Support not provided for the adult to attend a multi agency meeting which led to distress



Theme: Exploitation concerns

- Financial Abuse
- Mate Crime/ cuckooing
- Coercion
- Learning difficulties and increased risk of exploitation
- Sexual Exploitation
- Modern Slavery
- SCAMS



Consider joint visiting when there are exploitation concerns, with police and social care



Be Curious:
Always ask who else is working with an adult. Make sure everyone is included with multi agency meetings



Be aware of the risks for adults with learning disabilities for exploitation. Consider healthy relationship work

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What Good Practice did we see?

- Excellent practice from the neighbourhood police team working with an adult
- Good practice and persistence from agencies working together despite the adult not wanting help from professionals. Several of these cases showed excellent practice
- Voice of adult is heard
- Good triangulation of care with family members
- Mentoring service provided to support an adult when moving property for safety
- Need for a Specialist Complex Needs ISVA identified and provided, but has not been able to engage the adult so far
- Referral from Lloyd's bank when financial concerns identified
- Fraud Protect Team have worked with one adult who was identified as at risk of SCAMS
- Evidence of multi agency meetings

The audit of 2nd August 2023 reviewed the records of six adults who were identified through Adult Safeguarding under the theme of Exploitation. The aim of the audit was to ascertain whether there were good multi-agency standards for managing cases and whether organisations have implemented a robust and consistent response in line with statutory and good practice guidance, SGSAB policies and procedures and the six key principles underpinning all adult safeguarding work. This theme is being revisited to look for progress and impact of change.

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Organisations that audited their involvement with the six adults were: Adult Social Care, Sirona, NBT, Next Link, AWP, Avon & Somerset Police, GPs, DHI

