

RECOGNISING ABUSE

PHYSICAL ABUSE

Injuries e.g. cuts, bruises, fractures
Assaults e.g. force feeding
Medication e.g. too little
 too much
Malnutrition/dehydration

FINANCIAL ABUSE

Cash is stolen
Pension book is taken
Pension is cashed but not all the money
 given to the older person
Someone says it costs more than they
 actually spent (e.g. on the shopping)
Money is withheld from the older person
 so no money to pay bills, rent etc
A person is forced to transfer money, bank
 accounts, property etc to another person
A person is not allowed to enter residential
 care by a relative who is expecting to
 inherit money/property when the older
 person dies

SEXUAL ABUSE

Inappropriate touching
Fondling
Kissing
Oral contact
Genital contact
Digital penetration (vagina or anus)
Rape (vagina or anus)
Penetration with objects
Exploitation
Pornography - forced to participate in or watch
Ritual/satanic abuse

EMOTIONAL ABUSE

Humiliation
Intimidation
Ridicule
Threats/bullying
Verbal abuse
Harassment
Lack of acknowledgement
Isolation
Over-protection
Denial of basic rights
 e.g. choice, opinion, privacy

NEGLECT

Lack of basic care
Not dressing someone
 appropriately (e.g. thin
 clothes in winter)
Not dressing someone (e.g.
 from the waist down
 because they are doubly
 incontinent)
Refusing to buy new clothes
 for someone who has
 gained/lost weight
Lack of food/drink
Being left to sit in urine/
 faeces
Absence of mobility aids
Isolation (e.g. locked in room
 or kept in a confined
 space)
No social contact,
 stimulation