

# Recognising Neglect and Acts of Omission

Neglect is abuse by omission. It can include ignoring medical, emotional or physical care needs, failure to provide access to appropriate health, care and support or educational services. It can also involve withholding the necessities of life, such as medication, adequate nutrition and heating.

Warning signs of neglect can include:

- Dirty or unhygienic environment
- Poor personal hygiene or physical condition
- Pressure sores or ulcers
- Malnutrition or unexplained weight loss
- Untreated injuries and medical problems
- Inconsistent or reluctant contact with medical and social care
- Failure to engage in social interaction
- Inappropriate or inadequate clothing

If you believe an adult is experiencing neglect and this is causing them significant harm, make referral through the Dudley Adults Portal: <https://adultsocialcare.dudley.gov.uk/>. For more information visit: <https://dudleysafeguarding.org.uk>