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## Background

Financial abuse is the term used to describe harming someone by taking or defrauding them of their money, goods or property.

Financial abuse is never acceptable, no matter how minor it may seem.

Financial abuse is a crime.

## Why it matters:

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Adults at risk of harm are people aged 18 or over who are unable to protect themselves from harm or exploitation due to learning or physical disabilities, sensory impairment, frailty or mental health problems.

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## What to do?

Call 0300 303 8886 to speak to someone in Rochdale's Adult's Social Care about your concerns.

Out of office hours, you can contact 0300 303 8875.

More information is available at [www.rbsab.org](http://www.rbsab.org)

## Questions:

### Look for:

An unexplained inability to pay for household shopping or bills

Personal possessions which go missing from the person's home

Living conditions are low compared to the money the person receives

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## Information:

Financial abuse can happen to people anywhere and at any time, and affects people from all types of backgrounds. It can happen in a person's home, care home, day centre, hospital or in a public place.

Financial Abuse is the use of a person's property, assets, income, funds or any resources without their informed consent or authorisation. It includes theft, fraud, exploitation, undue pressure in connection with wills, property, inheritance or financial transactions, the misuse or misappropriation of property, possessions or benefits, the misuse of an enduring power of attorney or a lasting power of attorney, or Appointeeship or Deputyship.



# Financial Abuse

## Information:

### What are the signs of financial abuse?

Unexplained withdrawals from the bank, unusual activity in the bank accounts, unpaid bills, unexplained shortage of money, reluctance on the part of the person with responsibility for the funds to provide basic food and clothes etc., an unusual interest from a family member, friend, carer or salesperson in the financial affairs of the adult.

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