



7-minute briefings: Exploitation: Perception vs Reality

What you think is happening and what is really happening?

What you see	What you think	The reality
Parties occurring or happening more frequently	Irresponsible and anti-social behaviour	Other people throwing parties in a vulnerable adult's home
An unkempt and neglected property	Not 'house proud', potential tenancy issues	A vulnerable adult who has lost control of their home, possible 'cuckooing' (taking over a person's home and using it to facilitate exploitation)
Missed appointments, disengagement or aggression towards professionals	A 'difficult' client, reluctant to engage	Someone under duress to get rid of professionals who could spot what is happening
Dirty surroundings and waste, more traffic and people coming and going from the property	Poor neighbourhood services, irresponsible tenant, possibly subletting their home	Potential human trafficking halfway house, 'hot bedding' (many people sharing a few beds), drug dealing or stolen goods 'fencing' location
Deterioration in personal care and demeanour	Low standards of personal hygiene, potential mental health or substance misuse issues	Lack of access to facilities to keep clean and adequately fed. Potential victim of modern slavery
Drug use, theft and other criminality	Lifestyle choices, including offending to fund habit	Someone being criminally exploited and under duress to commit crimes. Potential County lines drug dealing location
Growing debt, petty theft, begging	Poor money management, possibly a consequence of drug taking	Financial abuse by others
Physical injuries	Bad luck, carelessness, disability, old age	Physical abuse by others

What to do: How to make a SAR referral

- Contact Nottinghamshire Police on 101 or 999 in an emergency
- If you are concerned about an adult at risk, contact the MASH on 0300 500 80 90, or [Report abuse or neglect of an adult | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)
- [NSAB Procedures](#)
- [NSAB Resources](#)

