

Safety

Everyone has the right to feel Safe at Interchange Outer East and be free from abuse and neglect.

Types of Abuse:

1. Physical abuse, where someone hits or beats another person
2. Emotional or psychological abuse where someone is yelled at, called names, threatened or ignored
3. Sexual abuse is where an individual is forced to have sex, or engage in unwanted touching
4. Financial abuse, where money is taken from a person with a disability or they are not given access to their money.

Neglect is

People with a disability are vulnerable to being neglected. This includes:

- Being denied basic things such as food, medicine, clothes or being made feel unsafe
- Being confined to a room or not allowed to have visitors

If you think an IOE staff member or volunteer are doing any of these things to you or someone you know at Interchange you need to:

- Talk to an IOE staff member that you trust
- Ring the National Disability Hotline 1800 880 052
- Talk to the police 000
- Ring the Disability Services Commissioner 1800 677 342

It is against the law to abuse or neglect someone. IOE want to know if this is happening so we can:

- Listen to you
- Report it to the police
- Help you feel safe
- Link you into support services