

## Universal Safeguarding Adults basic Package

Welcome to the Universal Safeguarding Adults basic Package. Please feel free to use this package as it is or make amendments to tailor it to your individual agency need. As you make changes please be mindful that you ensure that the required competencies that your workers need are covered.

You will find videos included in the training package and here are the links to access them.

**Life After Abuse** – The film focuses on the personal story of Philip who suffered physical, financial and emotional abuse in the family home for many years. Philip has learning disabilities and cerebral palsy. When Philip finally disclosed the abuse, he was supported to leave the family home. Since then he has gone from strength to strength. He married and, although his wife unfortunately died some years after their marriage, Philip continues to live a full and independent life.

*Messages to bring out after the film –*

1. Abuse within the family home can go undetected for many years.
2. People who live with their family may have very limited opportunities to talk to people outside the home.
3. It is important to promote good communication so that people in an abusive situation feel able to share their concerns.
4. With the right support, people with disabilities can live fulfilling and independent lives
5. Everyone needs to be aware of how to report abuse

### [Safeguarding adults: an independent life after abuse](#)

**Lessons from the murder of Steven Hoskin** - Steven Hoskin had learning disabilities and lived alone in St Austell. He was tortured and murdered by people who targeted him because of his learning disabilities. Investigations showed that Steven had made numerous calls to a number of agencies, including the police, health and social care services, so they should have been aware that he was in danger. Following the serious case review into Steven's murder there have been significant improvements in communication, sharing information and partnership working between the agencies in the area. Staff training has also been improved. The police have introduced a 'neighbourhood harm register' which ensures that an alert is raised when there are repeat calls from the same people with the same problems. In such cases, data is shared with the appropriate agencies and they work together to provide a joint response. Similarly, a system for recognising and responding to 'cluster calls' has been developed within the ambulance service.

The video demonstrates that partnership between agencies and procedures for sharing information are vital to adult safeguarding.

*Message to bring out after the film-*

1. Sharing information and partnership working between agencies is vital for the effective safeguarding of adults.
2. People who are on the margins of social care eligibility criteria and receiving little or no support may highlight their need by repeatedly calling on emergency services.
3. Such people may be at risk of either being abused or abusing others more vulnerable to abuse than themselves.
4. Staff in all front-line health and social care services should be trained in the identification of indicators of abuse

[Safeguarding adults: lessons from the murder of Steven Hoskin](#)