

Psychological Abuse of an 'Adult at Risk'

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<p>General and non specific Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) or single incidents of ASB <i>Example: Causing a disturbance on a corner outside the adult at risk's house.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">POSSIBLE ACTION</p> <p>Refer to the Police (If someone's life is in danger or a crime is in progress dial 999. Otherwise, call main switchboard number on 101).</p>	<p>Isolated incident where the adult at risk is spoken to in a rude or inappropriate way, where respect is undermined but little or no distress is caused.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">POSSIBLE ACTION</p> <p>Work with both individuals around appropriate communication</p>	<p>Banter between an adult at risk or between an adult at risk and member of staff where this is reciprocated and the adult at risk does not feel undermined, intimidated or distressed by what is said.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">POSSIBLE ACTION</p> <p>Ensure that staff and the adult at risk understand relationship boundaries and appropriate behaviour.</p>
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<p>Occasional or ongoing bullying which causes distress. <i>Example: being called names or laughed at</i></p>	<p>Occasional or ongoing threatening or intimidating verbal outbursts which cause distress.</p>	<p>Withholding of information to disempower an adult at risk.</p>
<p>Treatment that undermines dignity and damages self esteem.</p>	<p>Denying or failing to recognise an adult's choice or opinion.</p>	<p>Occasional or ongoing reports of anti-social behaviour towards the adult at risk or their family (regardless of the nature of the anti-social behaviour)</p>
<p>Emotional blackmail, for example threats of abandonment or of harm.</p>	<p>Concerns that an adult with care and support needs is being radicalised</p>	<p>A denial of basic human rights/civil liberties. <i>Examples: overriding advanced decision; forced marriage.</i></p>

Remember: All examples, whether a safeguarding referral is required or not, require some action.