

Sexual Abuse

Includes

- Forcing/enticing child to take part in sexual activity
- Contact, penetrative/non penetrative
- Non contact e.g. watching sexual activity/pornography
- Encouraging inappropriate sexual behaviour
- Sexual Exploitation
- Abuse in the digital environment, sexting etc.
- Children harming others
- Peer abuse and exploitation

Possible signs

- Pregnancy where father's identity concealed
- Genital bruising
- STDs/ UTIs
- Inappropriate sexualised behaviour
- Child hinting of secrets
- Deliberate self-harm /anorexia other disturbance
- Adult behaviours of concern such as grooming
- Unexplained gifts, money etc
- Missing from school or home

Physical Abuse

Includes

- Shaking
- Hitting
- Burning/scalding
- Female Genital Mutilation
- Fabricated and Induced illness
- Drowning
- Suffocating

Possible signs

- Bruises (soft tissue areas)
- Grasp marks
- Bites
- Burns/scalds
- Fractures
- Large number of different aged marks
- Failure to seek medical help/opposite
- Changes in behaviour
- Inconsistent explanation of injury

Neglect

Includes

- Failure to meet physical needs
- Failure to meet psychological needs
- Failure to provide food, shelter, clothing
- Failure to protect from harm
- Failure to seek medical care

Possible signs

- Malnutrition
- Dirty/cold environment
- Leaving young child unattended
- Failure to protect from physical danger
- Lack of supervision
- Lack of stimulation, social contact, education

Emotional Abuse

Includes

- Overly critical parenting
- Causing child to feel unloved, worthless
- Inappropriate expectations
- Bullying
- Causing children to feel frightened
- Witnessing domestic violence or other forms of abuse
- Radicalisation

Possible signs

- Very low self esteem
- High level of anxiety
- Overly compliant/eager to please
- Fearfulness/appearing withdrawn
- Behavioural issues
- Self harm