

Norfolk Safeguarding Adults Board Manager's Blog

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Two things (part two)

In [April's blog](#) I wrote about using an idea from economist Glen Whitman to write two succinct yet complete answers to the question, '*what is adult safeguarding?*'

I invited readers of this blog to have a go and send in their suggestions. Here's what people sent in:

1. *Abuse is happening in the street where you live*
 2. *You can do something about it when you find out*
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1. *Everyone has a right to live their life free from the fear of abuse and harm*
 2. *It is everyone's responsibility to report it*
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1. *Helping to protect people who are not always able to protect themselves.*
 2. *Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility*
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1. *The abuser will be someone you know and trust*
 2. *Don't be scared to report it*
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1. *Proportionate protection for people with care and support needs who are unable to protect themselves.*
 2. *Prevention of the abuse happening in the first place.*

One colleague wanted 3 statements, which were:

1. *Curiosity (Professional) – What is going on that is/isn't clearly visible that could be impacting upon a patient's/friend's/stranger's health, wellbeing and safety?*

(see below)

2. *Would I want that to happen to me? (if it would make me feel unhappy/unsafe, perhaps I should at least find out if the other person is ok with it?)*
3. *How can we work together to with the person to make things safer?*

Why not share these with your colleagues and see what they think, do these statements help explain adult safeguarding.

Please keep sending in your suggestions to me at walter.loyd-smith@norfolk.gov.uk

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