## Financial Abuse What is it?

- Withholding access to Money or Funds
- Taking money from either a bank account or otherwise
- Putting pressure on somebody to give you money or take out loans / credit cards for you
- Taking out loans or credit cards in another persons name without their knowledge or consent
- Misuse of property belonging to somebody else
- Defrauding somebody or money or property which is rightfully theirs



## What to look out for:

- Difficulty paying for household bills and food
- Missing money or valuables
- Payment for goods which do not appear
- Large or more frequent withdrawals from bank accounts
- Pressure to alter Wills or bequests
- Increased anxiety, fear or distress

## What can you do?

- Talk to the person to find out what is happening
- What do they want?
- Take further advice from Adult care services on 0300 123 4042
- www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/hsab

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