

PHYSICAL ABUSE FACTSHEET

Did you know?



- Almost a quarter of all reported abuse in Knowsley is physical!
- Physical abuse also features in many other abuse types e.g., domestic abuse, modern slavery and sexual abuse

What is Physical Abuse?

Physical abuse is hurting or harming somebody on purpose, e.g.

- Hitting
- Pushing
- Shaking
- Spitting
- Pinching
- Scalding
- misusing medication
- inappropriate restraint
- inappropriate physical punishments or other ways of causing physical harm

Signs of Physical Abuse

Signs of physical abuse may be seen in the victim including:

- Black eyes
- Bruises
- Burns
- Cuts
- Unusual pattern of injury/repeated trips to A&E
- Restraint or grip marks
- Abuse of alcohol or other substances
- Anxiety, including panic attacks and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
- Depression
- Fearfulness
- Pelvic pain; vaginal or urinary tract infections

Report a Concern

If you believe someone may be at risk of physical abuse or any other abuse/neglect raise a concern by completing a [referral form](#) or contact Knowsley MASH team on Tel: **0151 443 2600**.

If you believe a person is in immediate risk of harm, you should contact the police by ringing 999.