

Self-Neglect is a behavioural condition that leads to an extreme lack of self care and may be a result of **other issues**, related to mental or physical health.

Definition

involves behaviours that **endanger** a person's safety and wellbeing

The Signs

underlying mental or physical illness can be **contributory factors**

The Law

Professionals may assess whether or not someone has the **mental capacity** to make certain decisions.

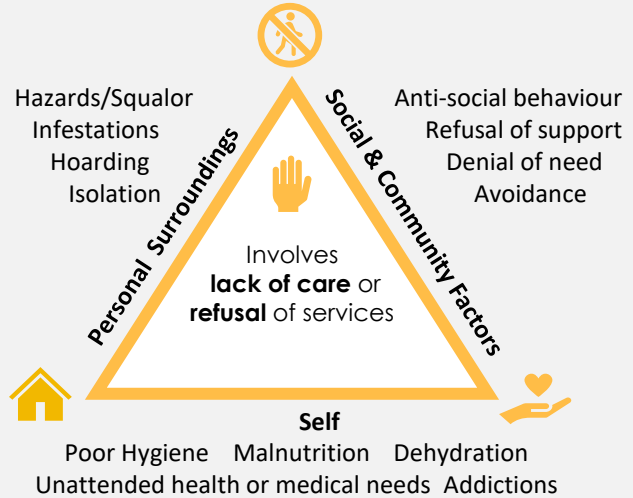
Respond Well

maintain contact in order to build **trust**

Referrals

Contact the safeguarding team
01603 882345

Self-neglect describes a wide range of behaviour neglecting to care for one's own personal hygiene, health or surroundings and includes behaviour such as **hoarding**.



The Care Act (2014) provides statutory guidance when a person with care and support needs is **unable or unwilling** to care for their own essential needs.

judged on case-by-case:

Duty of care and promotion of dignity V **Respect for autonomy and self-determination**

Be **patient** - avoid a quick fix. **Respect** the person's autonomy, try to understand their perspective and what may be driving their behaviour.

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If you feel someone is in **immediate danger** you should call **999**