Case Study 1

Tom lives alone in supported accommodation. He volunteers for you every week. He tells you he has made some new friends. They drink in the local pub. They all got very drunk last Wednesday and went back to his place for more beer. They stayed over and created a mess. Tom stayed at home the following day to clear up and so was unable to volunteer for you on the Thursday. Tom tells you he has been skipping one or two meals as he doesn't have much money. He says he probably won't be able to volunteer next week, as he needs to save up for a few things for the flat, which got broken on Wednesday. Although he can claim travel expenses back, he does not have the money to pay his bus fare upfront.

Identify which potential types of abuse could be indicated and the reasons why.

(adapted from a case study in Bristol City Council's safeguarding adults elearning)





Case Study 2

Sophie is 15 years-old and has been attending your outdoor activities club every week. She is usually very sociable and talkative. You notice that she has become very quiet in the last few weeks and is not joining in with the other young people at the group. Sophie instead is staying very close to you, the activities organiser. You also notice a change in Sophie's appearance which was always very smart to now looking less neat and tidy.

Identify which potential types of abuse could be indicated and the reasons why.



