

## ...Sexual Abuse...

Signs of sexual abuse show in many ways and can be very different from one child to the next. Children who are being sexually abused may show some of the following signs:

### Behavioural:

- They might avoid being alone with people, such as family members or friends.
- They could seem frightened of a person or reluctant to socialise with them.
- A child might become sexually active at a young age.
- They might be promiscuous.
- They could use sexual language or know information that you wouldn't expect them to.

### Physical:

- They may experience Anal or vaginal soreness.
- They may have an unusual discharge.
- They may suffer from a sexually transmitted infection (STI).
- They may become pregnant or suspect they are pregnant.