**SEXUAL ABUSE**

*What is sexual abuse?*

Sexual abuse involves forcing or enticing an individual to take part in sexual activities, not necessarily involving a high level of violence, whether or not the individual is aware of what is happening.

This may involve physical contact, including assault by penetration (for example, rape or oral sex) or non-penetrative acts such as masturbation, kissing, rubbing and touching outside of clothing. It may also include non-contact activities, such as involving individuals in looking at, or in the production of, sexual images, watching sexual activities, encouraging individuals to behave in sexually inappropriate ways, or grooming an individual in preparation for abuse (including via the internet).

*How to get help*

Speak to any member of College staff or speak to the College Safeguarding Team on 01226 216142 or via email at [safeguarding@barnsley.ac.uk](mailto:safeguarding@barnsley.ac.uk)

*Other support*

nspcc.org.uk – 0808 800 5000

ChildLine – 0800 1111 (24 hours)