



Safety Net

because sometimes friends may not be what they seem

ARC (the Association for Real Change) has received funding from the Department of Health to start a major new three year project on 'Mate Crime' and people with learning disabilities.

What is 'mate crime'?

Many people with learning disabilities have 'friends' who go on to abuse the trust placed in them. This has led to people losing their independence, financial, physical and sexual abuse and exploitation . . . even murder.

This project aims to prevent this abuse by increasing awareness of the issue for people with learning disabilities, carers, professionals and the wider community.

It will do this by:

- Developing local strategies and support for people with learning disabilities.
- Raising community awareness.
- Developing a toolkit to help people to address the issue elsewhere in the country.

How can you help?

- 1) If you, or someone you know, has been the victim of 'mate crime', what happened? Can anyone else learn from your experience?.
- 2) If you are working on a similar or related project, can we share ideas and research to help each other?

For further information, or if you would like to keep in touch with the project and receive updates, please contact us via the email address below.

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