Speak Up and be Safe from Abuse

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## Identified areas of need:

* Resources needed for schools, hospitals, police, aged care, mental health services
* There needs to be an avenue for self reports
* There needs to be a means of sharing information with support providers about the importance of providing individuals with a comprehensive communication system
* There needs to be emphasis on the importance of taking your communication system everywhere
* Resource need to be expanded beyond physical abuse only. Emotional/psychological abuse
* Use of zones of regulation to further explore feelings
* Assistance for our clients to learn the difference between friends and paid support workers
* Communication partner training to help people use resources appropriately
* Emphasis on the Importance of giving access to communication systems for people who are verbal but can’t always be understood
* Emphasis on having access to the Speak Up and be Safe from Abuse resources and other resources to support communication
* The need to share resources with psychologists who work in colleges – these resources could be useful to discuss not just abuse but friendship issues also (such as being lied to, taken advantage of, etc.)
* There needs to be better links between disability sector and abuse support sector (e.g. SASS)
* Support services such as SASS need to have access to communication devices and training around communication support.
* Resources addressing sexual assault and other forms of abuse need to adapted to plain or easy English
* Funding for easy English resources is required in Tasmania
* The need to utilise apps to support people with communication support needs (even put it on your own phone)
* The need to consult with experts to talk to the experts to get support and advise