Unit 333: Understand how to safeguard the wellbeing of children and young people

**Signs and symptoms of abuse**

333. 4.1 describe the possible signs, symptoms, indicators and behaviours that may cause concern in

the context of safeguarding.

**Using the examples given in the next page, place them in the appropriate rows.**

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| **Type of abuse** | **Signs, symptoms, indicators and behaviours that may cause concern** |
| **Physical**  |  |
| **Sexual** |  |
| **Emotional** |  |
| **Neglect** |  |

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| **Poor personal hygiene** | **Sexual awareness inappropriate to child’s age** | **Over compliant behaviour** | **Fear of returning home or of parent being contacted** |
| **Shrinking from physical contact** | **Unexplained injuries or burns** | **Pregnancy** | **Tiredness, lethargy.** |
| **Self-harm or suicide attempts** | **STI or infection**  | **Eating problems/ disorder** | **Poor social relationships** |
| **Refusal to discuss injuries** | **Attention seeking behaviour** | **Unexplained gifts** | **Bruises or finger marks** |
| **Stealing or scrounging** | **Self harm or mutilation** | **Aggressive behaviour, anger or bullying** | **Constant hunger** |
| **Bruises, scratches or bite marks** | **Constant tiredness** | **Depression** | **Frequent public masturbation** |
| **Significant changes in behaviour without explanation** | **‘Neurotic’ behaviour – obsessive rocking, thumb sucking** | **Drug/ solvent abuse** | **Inappropriate clothing** |
| **Anxiety and tearfulness** | **Low self-esteem** | **Deterioration of work** | **Unexplained absences or frequent lateness** |