

Self Neglect & Adult Safeguarding

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Monday 25 September 2017 De Vere West One Conference Centre, London



Chair & Speakers include :

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This conference which features extended interactive masterclass focuses on the difficult issue of self neglect and adult safeguarding. Through national updates, practical case studies and extended interactive group work the conference will cover self neglect under the Care Act 2014, meeting the statutory safeguarding guidance, safeguarding people who self neglect: the evidence and what works, developing guidance for professionals when dealing with self neglect and resistance to engage with services, an extended session on hoarding, and an extended session on dealing with the underlying causes of self neglect working in partnership with service user in a multidisciplinary way.

The conference will provide an opportunity to:

- Understand the latest evidence about what works in managing self neglect
- Learn and reflect on serious case reviews involving self neglect
- Share experiences and learning with other colleagues around working on difficult self-neglect cases through interactive facilitated group work
- Self assess and improve your local guidance for professionals when dealing with self-neglect and resistance to engage with services
- Reflect on professional decision making with regard to capacity and unwise decisions vs unacceptable risk?
- Explore responses to Hoarding and how this fits with in the self neglect safeguarding response
- Understand issues of Mental Capacity, Choice and Autonomy when responding to self neglect concerns and resistance to service engagement

When the Care Act 2014 came into effect in April 2015, self-neglect was included as a safeguarding issue for the first time. The need to protect people from abuse and neglect is a key element of the Care Act. The 2016 the Safeguarding Statutory Guidance stated that *"Self neglect covers a wide range of behaviour neglecting to care for one's personal hygiene, health or surroundings and includes behaviour such as hoarding. It should be noted that self-neglect may not prompt a section 42 enquiry. An assessment should be made on a case by case basis. A decision on whether a response is required under safeguarding will depend on the adult's ability to protect themselves by controlling their own behaviour. There may come a point when they are no longer able to do this, without external support."* Care and support statutory guidance, Department of Health, 11th March 2016

100% of delegates who attended our last conference on Self Neglect would recommend the conference to a colleague

"it was a useful varied conference which will have a bearing on my practice and approach, well balanced and holistic conference, all the speakers had something valuable to contribute" Delegate attending January 2017 Self Neglect Conference

10.00 Chair's Introduction: Safeguarding people who self neglect: What Works?

Professor Suzy Braye

Professor of Social Work & Social Care
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This session will draw on evidence from the presenter's research (with David Orr and Michael Preston-Shoot) into effective practice in self-neglect; it will consider:

- the range and scope of self-neglect work nationally
- the challenges experienced in practice
- what goes wrong – findings from safeguarding adult reviews in cases of self-neglect
- what goes right - service users' and practitioners' perspectives on approaches that support positive outcomes
- effective interagency working in self-neglect

11.10 Question and answers, followed by tea & coffee at 11.20

11.40 EXTENDED INTERACTIVE SESSION: Hoarding and safeguarding: Professional and practice issues

Megan Karnes

Director
Hoarding UK

- hoarding and risk issues relating to hoarding
- preventing the escalation of hoarding
- supporting the hoarder to address underlying cases of hoarding
- supporting the person to change hoarding behaviours
- understanding the psychological / mental health issues associated with hoarding
- our experience and lessons from a serious case review

13.00 Lunch Break

13.45 EXTENDED SESSION: Issues of Mental Capacity, Choice and Autonomy when responding to self neglect concerns and resistance to service engagement

Andy Butler

Principal Social Worker (Adults)
Surrey County Council

Based on a contemporary case example and recent case law this session will explore professional issues and challenges relating to

- unwise decisions vs unacceptable risk?
- mental capacity assessments in self neglect cases
- balancing individual rights to self-determination with our statutory duties to manage risk and safeguard adults who have needs for care and support
- whose decision is it anyway?

14.45 Extended Session: Developing shared professional understandings of self-neglect and multi-agency interventions

Elaine Aspinwall-Roberts

Senior Lecturer
Liverpool John Moores University
& Registered Social Worker

As part of Elaine's ongoing action research, this session will use small group work to explore how the different agencies who may be involved in self-neglect cases could change the way they work together to improve outcomes for people who self-neglect. Using findings from the research so far, participants will have the opportunity to contribute ideas and to reflect on their own practice in working alongside other agencies, in this complex area of work.

15.45 Tea & Coffee Break

16.00 Neglect in a health setting

Lynne Phair

Expert Witness
& Independent Nurse Adviser in the care of older people

- identifying, recognising and managing neglect in a healthcare setting
- learning from cases of institutional neglect
- the role of the community matron in self neglect
- working with care homes, residential care and community settings

16.30 Developing guidance for professionals when dealing with self-neglect and resistance to engage with services

Speaker to be announced

- learning the Lessons Inter Agency Review in respect of an adult who died having been admitted to hospital in a concerning state of neglect
- providing support, care or treatment needed to balance an adults' right to self determination, with duties to manage risk and safeguarding those who are vulnerable
- developing and implementing best practice guidance

17.00 Question and answers, followed by close at 17.10

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Date Monday 25 September 2017

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