



Safeguarding Adults Forum June 2026

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Speakers:

- Shropshire Council Commissioning
- Integrated Care Board
- National Dignity Council
- CQC (TBC)
- Telford & Wrekin Commissioning
- Digital Care Hub (including AI in care)
- Nursing & Midwifery Council

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Safeguarding Adults Forum Dates 2026/2027



Online – Zoom (9:30am - 12:30pm)

- 10th September (Thursday) 2026
- Agenda so far:
 - Jan Burns MBE, chair of the National Dignity Council
 - Julia Bird – , DoLS Leadm Telford and Wrekin Council, DoLS update post Supreme Court Judgement
- 9th December (Wednesday) 2026
- 9th March (Tuesday) 2027



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Agenda

- **Economic Abuse** - Simon Peleszok, Responsible Business Manager, TSB
- **‘Cause to Enquire’ Documentation Review with Partners (Telford and Wrekin Adult Safeguarding Team)** - Duncan Henney, Team Leader/AMHP/BIA, Adult Safeguarding, Telford and Wrekin Council
- **SARS and DHR update** – Update by Corrine Chidley (Learning and Development Coordinator, Business Unit, Shropshire Safeguarding Community Partnership)
- **Resources and Webinars** - Karen Littleford (Safeguarding Adults Lead, Partners in Care)



Economic Abuse
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Manager, TSB

**Domestic, Financial &
Economic Abuse**

Economic abuse is a legally recognised form of domestic abuse. It involves the control of a partner or ex-partner's money, finances and things that money can buy, such as clothing, transport, food and a place to live.

The impact of economic abuse makes rebuilding lives challenging. Many survivors leave with nothing — having no money even for essentials — and must start again from scratch. 83% of victim-survivors are left with **long-lasting harm & low financial knowledge and confidence** so we need to play our part.

Many survivors leave with large amounts of debt and poor credit ratings, **affecting their long-term economic stability**, and many are unable to maintain savings that provide economic security.

Cost Of Living Crisis - Women who are unable to access £100 at short notice are 3.5 times more likely to experience domestic abuse

If financial institutions don't have flexible processes or colleague support, they increase the risk to survivors

It's a barrier to leaving

Lack of access to economic resources is a reason why many feel that they have no choice but to stay with an abuser.

Increased risk for the survivor

Economic barriers to leaving can result in people staying with the abuser for longer and experiencing greater danger, injuries and even homicide as a result.

A barrier to an independent life

Survivors are often left in debt and the lack of financial security impacts on their ability to rebuild their lives after leaving.

The Impact on Survivors' Lives



Impact on Survivors – “Its always there, like a shadow behind you”.

Financial Instability and Dependence -

Economic abuse restricts access to money, creating financial instability and dependence for survivors.

“He’s sitting there with his full-time wages, half my pension and living in my house, mortgage-free because I’ve paid the bloody thing off. I’m in temporary accommodation because I had to flee my home and I’m now sitting here with his debts. How is that fair? After everything he’s done to me?”

Long-Term Consequences -Survivors often face damaged credit, debt, and ongoing financial ties even after leaving abusive relationships.

Emotional and Mental Health Effects - Stress affects survivors’ mental health, employment, and parenting, impacting the whole family.

“I left with my kids, but I had no money to pay the debts, and he knew that.

He knew I didn’t have a penny, so I had to take him back. And that was that. You’re stuck”.

Support and Recovery Role – Empathy and flexibility are vital to support survivors' recovery and dignity.

According to her, our daughter’s feet weren’t allowed to grow. So, I had to borrow money to get new shoes. If I borrowed 50 pounds, I had to pay back 65. But she knew I was desperate, she knew it was for my kids’ shoes or their jackets – she knew I was doing’ it for my kids, and she preyed on it.



Undermine your income and access to money

- Stop you working or studying, limit hours, or take your wages
- Block benefits or access to bank accounts
- Take savings, including children's money

Exploit your financial situation

- Steal money or damage property
- Refuse to contribute to household costs
- Misuse joint accounts or spend money needed for essentials
- Put bills, credit or debts in your name—sometimes without your knowledge

Control how money and assets are used

- Dictate spending or what you can buy
- Make you ask for money or live on an allowance
- Monitor purchases (receipts, spending diaries)
- Control use of property (e.g. phone, car)
Keep financial information hidden

Impact in the workplace

- Poor attendance, lateness, reduced focus
- Financial stress and lack of basic resources
- Limited access to tools (phone, transport, banking)
- Lower wellbeing, confidence and productivity
- Barriers to training, progression or staying in work

- “Don’t worry about the bills...I’ll take care of all the boring stuff.”
- Robert controls all financial resources, including Isla’s wages.
- Bailiffs are at Isla’s door saying she owes thousands in council tax arrears.
- £23,000 of coerced debt, enforcement action pending, and a damaged credit file.
- Tries to get help for the coerced debt but is told she is liable no matter what.
- No money, continued threats and abuse, no access to safe housing.
- Isla returns to Robert



Offering support



- **Express concern:** Don't ask too many questions but say that help is available and that they are not alone.
- **Believe them:** Take time to listen. Recognise that it may take time to act and don't force a response
- **Follow their lead:** They are the experts in their situation, and it is important to follow their lead before taking any steps.
- **Provide practical help:** Offer a spare room or provide essential items, like food, clothing and toiletries. Help sort out an action plan.
- **Have information about domestic abuse services to hand:** Organisations like Surviving Economic Abuse offer expert guidance, advocacy, and practical tools for survivors to regain financial control.
- **Range of practical assistance:** Support includes debt advice, legal help, emergency financial aid, safe housing, and tailored budgeting or credit repair services.
- **Workplace and early signposting:** Early awareness and referrals in workplaces ensure confidential support, flexibility, and respect for survivors' readiness to act.

Effective support helps survivors take manageable steps toward stability and long-term money confidence by connecting to the right resources.

How TSB is helping victim survivors of domestic abuse



- The Safe Spaces initiative provides a space for victims of domestic abuse in all TSB Branches and now online.
- TSB are signatories of UK Finance's updated Financial Abuse Code who encourage tell us once procedures like our Tailored Support Flags
- Access to the Hollie Guard Extra app, bright sky app and signposting to SEA Banking Support Directory.
- Emergency Flee Fund for at the point of crisis and wider financial support via Lightning reach on our website.
- Non-geographical sort codes for their bank accounts, provide customers with anonymity to enable them to stay hidden from abusers.
- Ability to open a bank account without standard forms of address verification and use of letters of introduction.
- The ability to change your bank registered address to that of a family member or a charity to enable a customer's address/location to remain secret.
- The ability for a victim of domestic abuse to unilaterally remove themselves from a joint account held with their abuser, and the possibility of a credit to the account to clear any overdraft (subject to legal).
- Payment Reference Abuse framework and profanity filters.
- Financial support via our tailored support team.
- Manager and Colleague Training and enhanced colleague support



Help and advice

Surviving Economic Abuse (SEA)

[Transforming responses to economic abuse](#)

Lightning Reach

We make it easy for people to find and apply for a wide range of personalised support in one place

www.lightningreach.org

MoneyHelper

[Free and impartial help with money](#)

The Financial Support Line

Specialist advice to anyone experiencing domestic abuse who is in financial difficulty.

[Money Advice Plus](#)

EIDA

A free-to-join members' network of employers, the Employers to take effective action on domestic abuse.

[Home - EIDA](#)

SEA and TSB

[Spotting the Signs Challenge](#) to help the recognise the red flags of Economic Abuse

TSB Money Confidence

[Supporting you](#)

Refuge – Tech Safety

[Secure your tech](#)





Controlling
her money
is **ABUSE**

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Running up debts
in her name
is **ABUSE**

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Restricting her
ability to work
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Using payment
references to harass
her is **ABUSE**

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**‘Cause to Enquire’ Documentation
Review with Partners (Telford and
Wrekin Adult Safeguarding Team) -**
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Council



Adult Social Care

Adult Safeguarding

Managing 'Cause to Enquire' with Providers

Our Adult Social Care Charter

We will always promote independence

We will listen with empathy and understanding

You will know who to contact and we will always get back to you

Our conversations will be honest and personal to you, we won't just tick boxes

We will respect your decisions, be honest and open

**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**

*Working together to enable people to Live Well and Independently
in Telford and Wrekin*

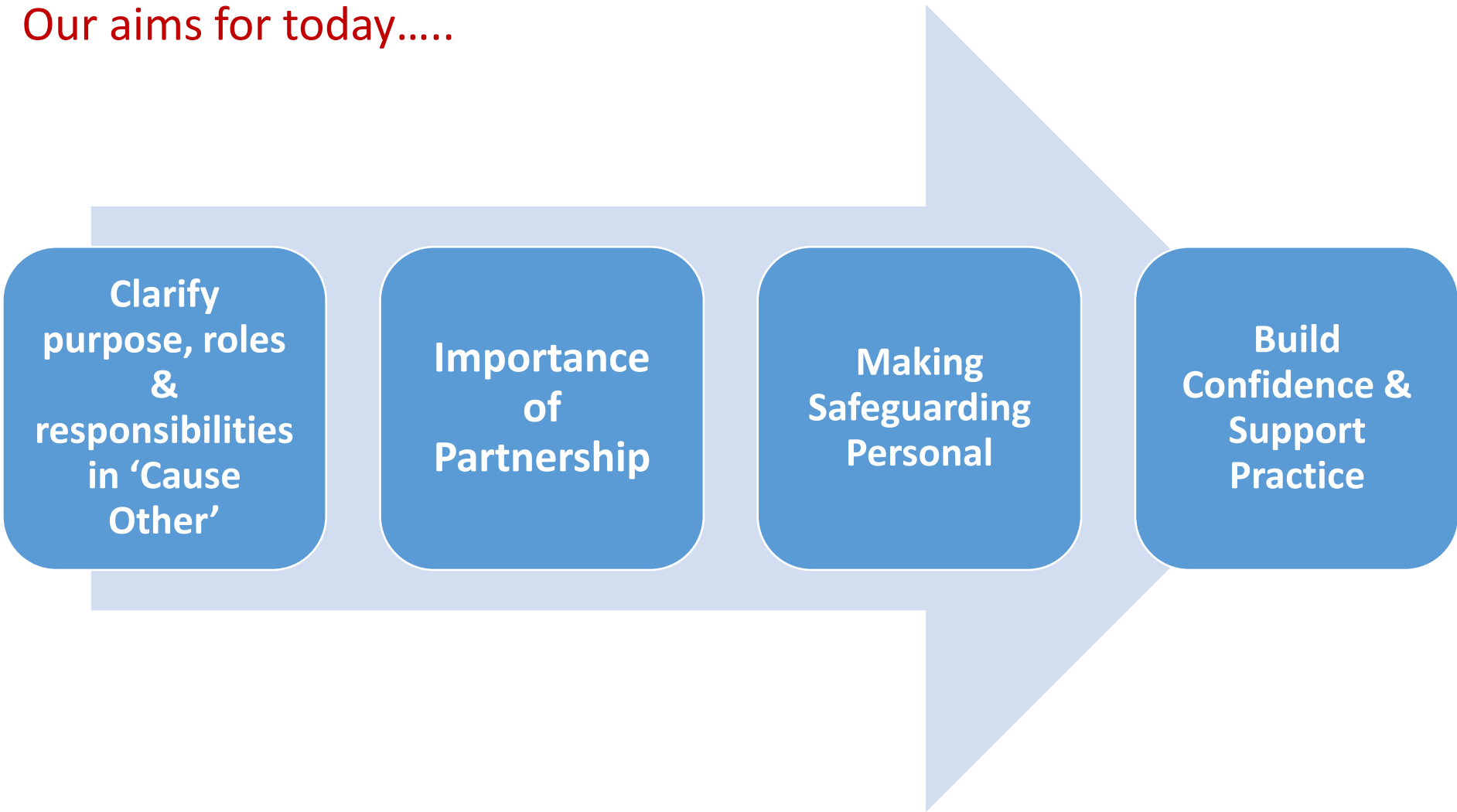
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Welcome!

Our aims for today.....



**Clarify
purpose, roles
&
responsibilities
in 'Cause
Other'**

**Importance
of
Partnership**

**Making
Safeguarding
Personal**

**Build
Confidence &
Support
Practice**

What is a S42 Enquiry

Statutory Duty Overview

- Section 42 enquiry is a legal duty under the Care Act 2014 for adults at risk of abuse or neglect.
- **Purpose of Enquiry**
 - The enquiry aims to assess risk, understand the situation, and decide on actions to protect the adult.
- **Enquiry Characteristics**
 - Enquiries are proportionate, timely, and focus on meaningful outcomes, ranging from simple to complex investigations.

Guiding Principles

Empowerment | Prevention | Proportionality | Protection | Partnership | Accountability

What is 'Cause Other' S42 Enquiry

- **Delegated Safeguarding Role**
- Local Authorities delegate safeguarding enquiries to providers best placed to gather information and act promptly.
- **Local Authority Accountability**
- Despite delegation, Local Authorities retain overall accountability and decision-making responsibility for enquiries.
- **Clear Scope and Expectations**
- Cause Other enquiries require clear scope, agreed timelines, defined roles, and transparent reporting standards.
- **Objective and Proportionate Action**
- Providers must act objectively and transparently, even when concerns involve their own service.

Cause Other Enquiries: A Person Centred Approach

The purpose is to determine what action is needed to respond to concerns and reduce risk for those who are eligible. **The focus should always be on the adult as opposed to the process.**

All practice should be carried out in line with **Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP)**. The adult SG process seeks to respond to concerns in a way that is **person centred, outcomes focussed.**

In Practice:

- Do not assume views – ensure they are evidenced
- Seek and clearly record the adult's views, wishes, and outcomes
- If unable to express views, use: advocacy, family/representatives, or best interests
- Reflect the adult's voice throughout the enquiry
- Balance risk with choice and control
- Keep actions proportionate and outcome-focused

Providers responsibilities in the Enquiry process

Reporting & Responding

- Act promptly on concerns
- Ensure staff understand duty to report
- Take immediate action to reduce risk

Enquiry Role

- Lead/support enquiries as directed
- Gather evidence
- Arrive at outcome

Working Together

- Work with LA & partners
- Involve the adult and reflect their voice
- Share information appropriately

Recording & Learning

- Keep accurate records
- Document decisions and outcomes
- Improve practice through learning

Telford & Wrekin Safeguarding Adults Board

Section 42 referral process when commissioning an organisation outside the Local Authority to undertake the Section 42 Enquiry

Access here - [section-42-enquiry-referral-for-other-agencies-v2.docx](#)

'Cause Other' Enquiries: good practice v pitfalls

✓ Good Practice

- Clear scope, plan, and timescales
- Evidence-based and proportionate
- Involve the adult and record views
- Keep clear, accurate records
- Communicate and escalate promptly
- Use learning to improve practice

⚠ Pitfalls to Avoid

- Delays in enquiries
- Poor or inconsistent records
- Lack of clear planning
- Not involving the adult
- Weak communication
- Missed learning opportunities

Themes from recent 'Cause Other' Enquiries

- **Common Categories of Abuse:**

- Neglect/Omission – Falls, Wound Care, Res on Res
- Position of Trust

- **Unsubstantiated Cases:**

- 2024/25 – 106 neglect/omission – substantiated 22; partially substantiated 11; **unsubstantiated 69**
- Often due to good evidence of preventative steps taken

- **Large-Scale Investigations:**

- Very few in recent years

Conclusion and Key Messages

- **Shared Responsibility**

Safeguarding is a collective duty involving **providers, Local Authorities, and partners** to protect adults from harm.

- **Person-Centred Enquiries**

‘Cause Other’ enquiries must be **driven by the adult’s views, wishes, and outcomes**—not just the process.

- **Effective Practice**

Enquiries should be **timely, transparent, and proportionate**, with the adult’s voice clearly evidenced throughout.

- **Working Together**

Success depends on **clear communication, information sharing, and collaboration** across partners.

- **Support and Improvement**

Providers should **seek advice early, raise concerns, and use learning to improve outcomes for adults**.

‘Cause Other’ Enquiry - Poll

- **Q1** - How clear is the “Cause Other Enquiry” process?
- **Q2** - How clear are you about what’s expected of you when asked to complete a S42 enquiry on behalf of the Local Authority?
- **Q3** - How confident do you feel completing a Cause Other (S42) enquiry?
- **Q4** - What are your main challenges when completing Cause Other enquiries?
- **Q5** - Do you feel supported by the Local Authority when completing Cause Other enquiries?



Safeguarding Adult Forum, Partners in Care

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June 24th 2026



SSCP Learning Events: Learning from Case Reviews in Shropshire

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The upcoming Learning Events that the Partnership have planned are:



- Learning from Two Tragic Deaths in Shropshire Families – Webinar
- Learning from Case Reviews: The voice of the person
- Learning from Case Reviews: Understanding Intrafamilial Domestic Abuse
- Learning from Case Reviews: Domestic abuse related deaths-Homicide and Suicide
- Learning from Case Reviews: Domestic abuse-Why do men not come forward?

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60-minute webinars Learning from Domestic Homicide Reviews in Shropshire



**Learning from Case Reviews:
Understanding Intrafamilial
Domestic Abuse**

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**Learning from Case Reviews:
Domestic abuse related deaths
Homicide and Suicide**

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not come forward?**

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Webinar Booking Links:

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Domestic Homicide Reviews in Shropshire

Review Type	Number of Reviews		
Domestic Homicide Review (DHR)	12	2020 - 1	2023 - 5
Domestic Abuse Related Death Review (DARDR)		2021 - 1	2024 - 1
		2022 - 2	2025 - 1
			2026 - 1
	Homicide/At the hands of another 4		
	Suicide 8		

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Joint Family Review

- Family A review. Family B review.
- Both mothers died.
- Criteria met for Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR), and a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review (LCSPR).

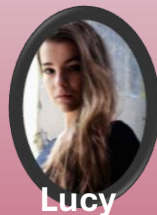


Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARS) in Shropshire

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Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR)	16	2020 - 2 2021 - 3 2022 - 3 2023 - 4	2024 - 2 2025 - 2 2026 - 0



Family A Jessica



Lucy



Olivia

- Victim and perpetrator
- Different criminal offences aged 16 - 22
- Become mother at age 18 and 23
- Serious autoimmune condition
- Chronic pain - mobility severely affected
- 'Bedbound' 3 years
- Complex Medical/Health needs
- Depression
- Severe Obesity/Bariatric/BMI over 40
- Pressure sores
- Significant self-neglect – child neglect
- Limited involvement of agencies
- Daughters - Young Carers



Jessica aged 37
Mother



Family A Jessica



I did this
to
myself

I've hidden
myself
away

- Ambulance attended
- Severe Sepsis
- Multiple infected pressure wounds
- Obesity
- Psoriasis
- Died same evening

I haven't
wanted
anyone to be
involved



Jessica aged 37
Mother

Home Environment



The infographic for Family A features a circular icon with various symbols (heart, gear, dollar sign, person, etc.) in the top left corner. The title 'Family A - Lucy and Olivia' is in the top right. Below the title is a list of bullet points. To the right of the list are three circular portraits of the family members: a woman (Lucy), a young girl (Olivia), and another young girl (Jessica). The bottom of the infographic contains a small disclaimer.

Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) - Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review (LCSPR)

Family A - Lucy and Olivia

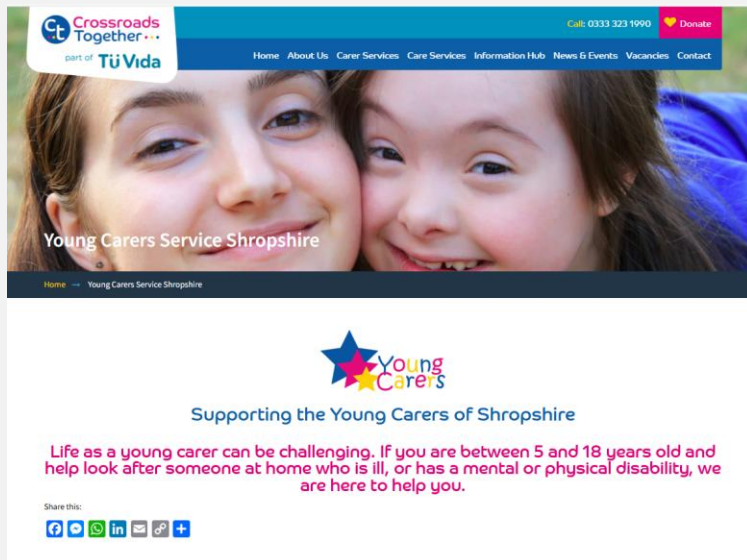
- Lucy 19 years old
- Olivia 13 years old
- Young Carers - Told professionals
- Suffered with psychological distress
- Olivia had other difficulties
- School attendance - significant issue
- Child neglect - mother self-neglected
- Limited involvement of agencies

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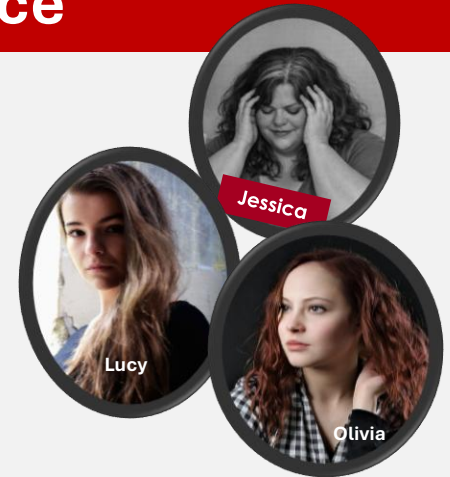
- ❑ Severe squalor
- ❑ Smell overwhelming
- ❑ Extreme clutter
- ❑ Lack of Gas and electricity
- ❑ Avoided contact family – professionals
- ❑ No visitors to home – 3 – 4 years

Images used, and information given, protect anonymity of Family A

Lucy and Olivia's Lived Experience



- Young carers
- Personal care
- Household tasks
- Emotional support
- School attendance fell
- Self-harm anger, anxiety
- Self referral
- Unsafe, unhygienic isolated conditions



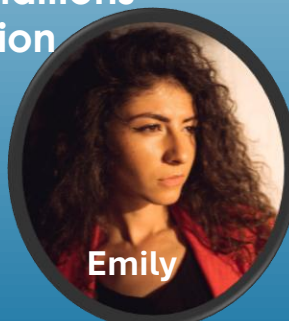
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Joint Family Review. Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) - Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review (LCSPR)



Family B Michelle

- Multiple complex health and medical conditions
- Heart condition/severe anaemia/depression
- Infected leg wounds
- Severe Obesity/Bariatric/BMI over 40
- Michelle – Mother to 3 children
- Substantial trauma – first child
- Emily and Harry
- Divorced – regular contact
- Victim of offences – 5 – year period
- Self Neglect
- Cycle - In and out of support services
- Home okay/uninhabitable
- Budgeting – Debts
- Daughter - Young Carer



Emily



Harry



Michelle age 52
Mother

Joint Family Review. Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) - Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review (LCSPR)



Family B Michelle



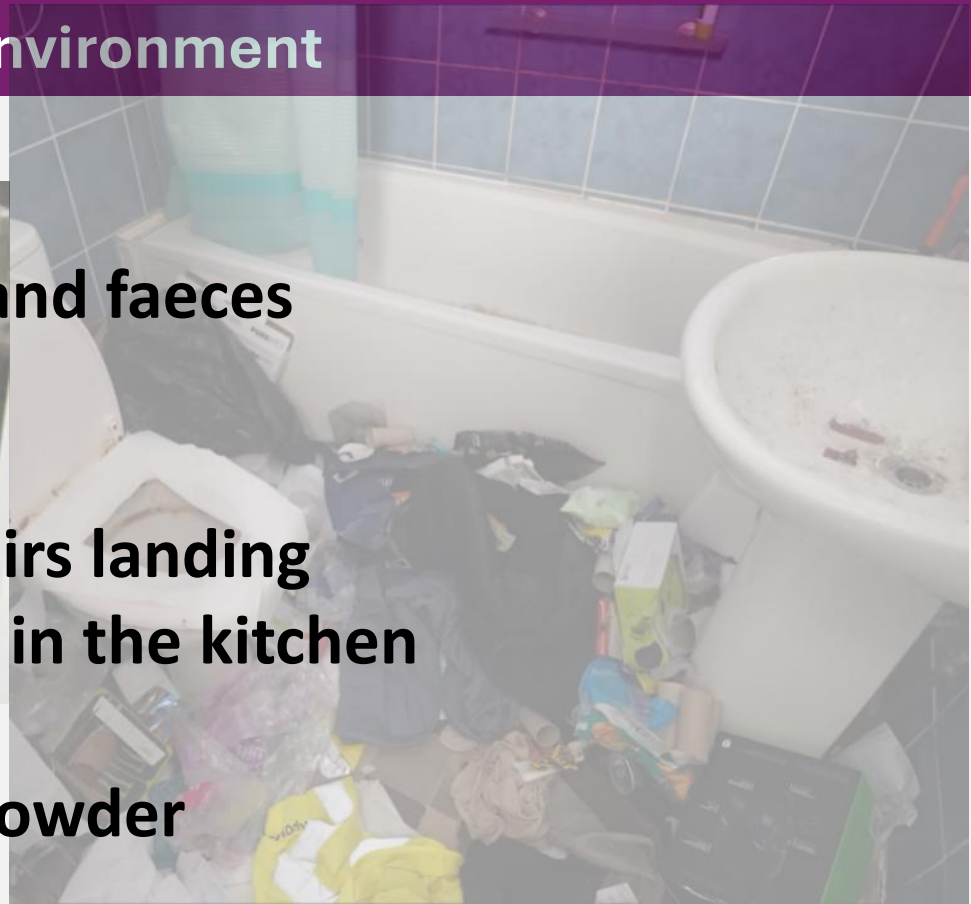
- Young boy running naked in street
- Police took home
- Medical episode
- Collapsed on stairs
- Cardiac Arrest



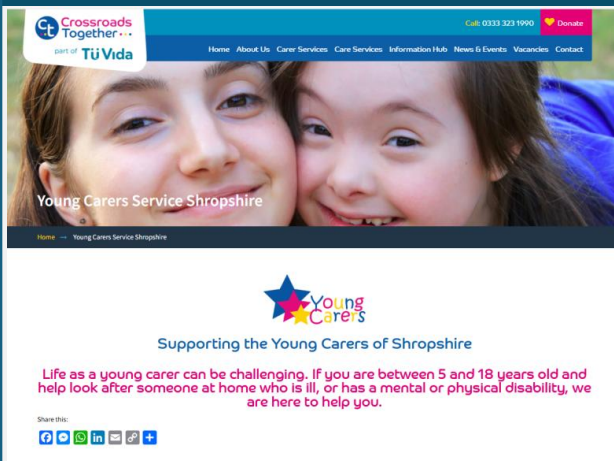
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Home Environment

- **Abysmal state**
- **Strong smell of urine and faeces**
- **Cat litter tray**
- **Graffiti internally**
- **No carpet stairs/upstairs landing**
- **Dirty plates piled high in the kitchen**
- **Other forms of waste**
- **Remnants of talcum powder**
- **Toilet not working**



Emily and Harry's Lived Experience



Harry

- Close bond with both Mum and Dad
- None-speaking
- Good at signing
- Complex health conditions
- Significant learning disability

Emily

- Young carer
- Parental role
- Personal care
- Often unsafe, unhygienic isolated conditions
- Mainly invisible



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Young Carers: Who are they? What do they do?



Who are young carers?

A young carer is someone **under 18** who helps look after someone in their family, or a friend, who is ill, disabled or misuses drugs or alcohol.

How many young carers are there?

- There are about **700,000 young carers in the UK**. (BBC 2010)
- That's about **1 in 12 secondary aged pupils**.
- There are likely to be young carers in every school and college.

*The Census identified over 200,000 young carers, but many remain hidden.



Which one is the young carer?



Young carers are just young people – with caring responsibilities! They look the same as everyone else but they can lead very different lives!

Who do young carers care for?

Young carers care for someone:

- With an illness or disability.
- With a mental health condition.
- Who misuses drugs or alcohol.

Being a young carer can have a big impact on the things that are important to growing up

- It can affect a young person's health, social life and self-confidence.
- Many young carers struggle to juggle their education and caring which can cause pressure and stress.
- In a survey, 39% said that nobody in their school was aware of their caring role.
- 26% have been bullied at school because of their caring role.
- 1 in 20 miss school because of their caring role.

But young people can learn lots of useful skills by being a young carer.



The average age of a young carer

= 13

There are young carers as young as five.

A survey of 350 young carers found 48% were stressed because of their role.

What might a young carer do?

- Practical tasks, such as cooking, housework and shopping.
- Physical care, such as helping someone out of bed.
- Emotional support, such as talking to someone who is distressed.
- Personal care, such as helping someone dress.
- Managing the family budget and collecting prescriptions.
- Helping to give medicine.
- Helping someone communicate.
- Looking after brothers and sisters.

1 in 3 young carers spend between 11–20 hours each week caring.



Young carers should have:

- The time to be a young person.
- The same opportunities as their friends.
- Good support for the person they help look after.
- Their rights acknowledged so that they can discuss their needs for support.

Information
Carers.org



Intimate and Domestic Care

Personal care, helping to wash, dress, use toilet, medication

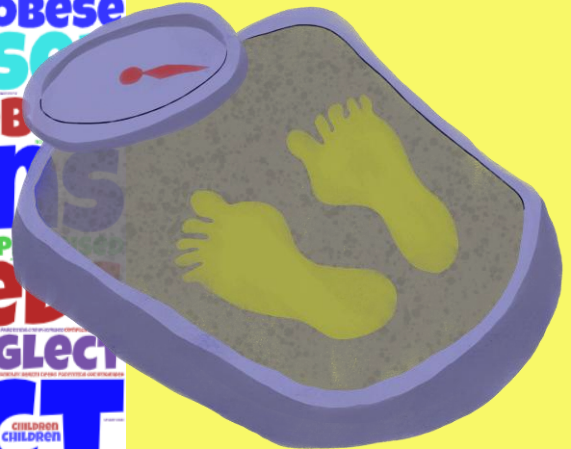
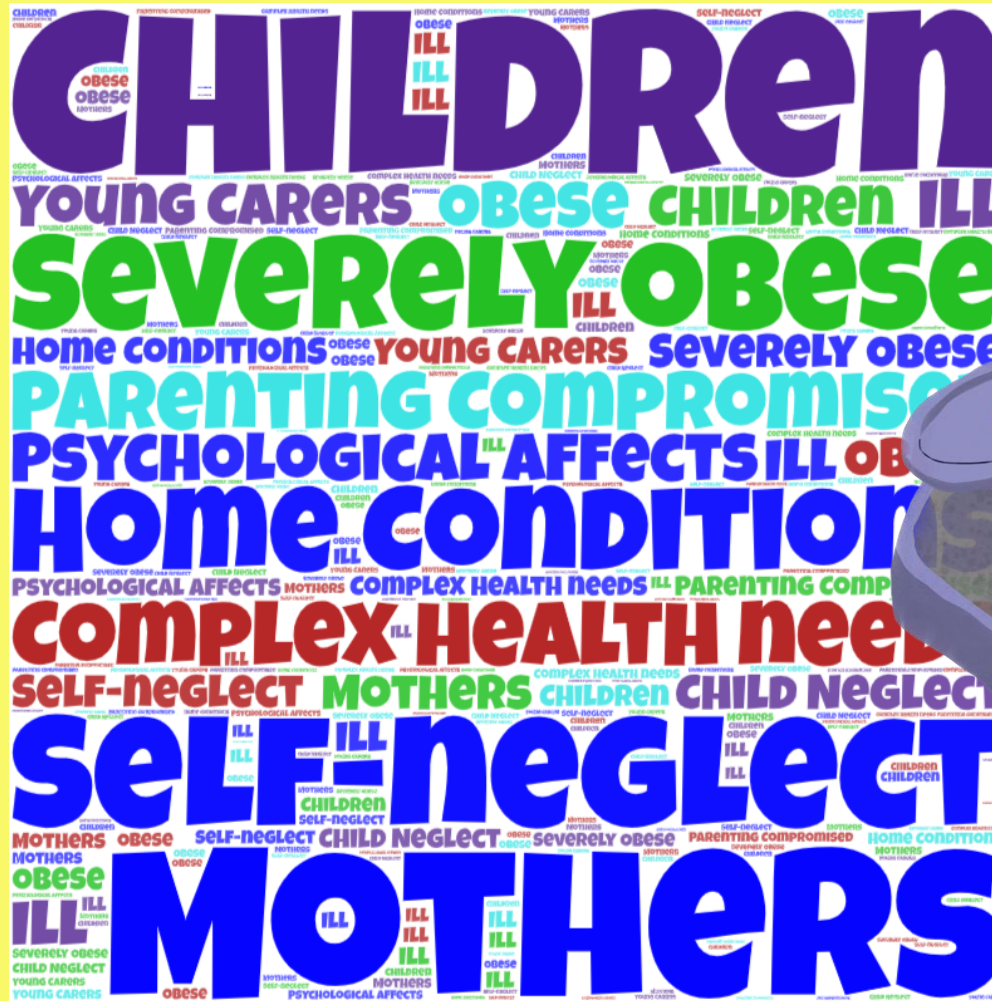
Cleaning, tidying house, washing, shopping, prepping and cooking meals, managing and paying bills



Joint Family Reviews Key Multiagency Learning

Every single person at this safeguarding forum can make a difference

The logo is a circular emblem composed of eight colored segments, each containing a white icon. Starting from the top and moving clockwise, the segments are: a teal segment with a heart, a green segment with two hands shaking, a yellow segment with a pie chart, a red segment with a large letter 'L', a pink segment with a lightbulb, a purple segment with three stylized human figures, a dark blue segment with a large question mark, and a blue segment with a gear. In the center of the circle is a white triangle containing the letters 'S', 'S', and 'P' in green, dark blue, and purple respectively. Below the triangle, the text 'Shropshire Safeguarding Community Partnership' is written in a black, sans-serif font.



Self-Neglect and Child Neglect



Responding to Self-Neglect in Shropshire:

Local Procedure and Good Practice Guidance



Date Completed	23.05.24
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Date of Approval	23.05.24
Approving Body/Group	Adult Safeguarding and Protection Oversight Group
Revised	
Due for review	30.05.26

Lack capacity to provide care
Physically or emotionally
Parents' own problems - overwhelming
Cannot prioritise children's needs
Parents lack knowledge or skills
Adequate care environments.
Support networks are not in place.



Visibility

- Invisible
- Declined home visits
- No response
- Appointments?
- Insufficient determination, curiosity, creativity
- Assessment – family, home conditions
- Share information
- Escalate concerns



Re-peat

1. Say again something one has already said:

'What do you do at home?' they asked. 'I look after my mum!' she repeated. 'I look after my mum!' she repeated again!

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Young Carers

No response?
Impact?
Mental
health?
Education?

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WHAT IS A YOUNG CARER?

Someone under 18yrs who helps to care for a family member, relative or friend. A young person aged 16-25yrs with caring responsibilities can be known as a young adult carer.

As many as 1 in 5 children and young people are young carers in the UK

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WHAT DO YOUNG CARERS DO?

They might:

- Cook and prepare meals
- Help with shopping
- Clean the house
- Manage medicines or money
- Give personal care
- Help with mobility
- Look after siblings
- Give emotional support

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WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON THE YOUNG PERSON?

- Social isolation
- Stress, anxiety
- Tiredness, distracted
- Withdrawn
- Behavioural problems including offending and anti-social behaviour
- Negative impact on education – not completing homework, absenteeism, lateness, inability to take part in after school activities
- Impact on their ability to make friends
- Lack of recognition that they are a carer
- Health related issues associated with lifting such as back pain

['Who Am I? Young carers poem and animation - YouTube](#)

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Who Can I Contact for Support

Please contact your own safeguarding team for further information or the Local Authority in which the young person resides

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7 Point Briefing Young Carers

SUPPORT NETWORKS

[Young carers | Action For Children](#)

[Young carers | Barnardo's \(barnardos.org.uk\)](#)

[Being a young carer: your rights - Social care and support guide - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

Carers Direct Helpline – 0300 123 1053 (Textphone or minicom – 0300 123 1004)

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HOW TO SUPPORT THE FAMILY

Once the young person is recognised as a young carer, your local safeguarding partnership Threshold Document will help direct you to local support. Recognition of the role the young person holds within the family. Ensure the young person's needs, wishes and feelings are at the centre of decision making. Consider the needs of the adult / child being cared for – are they being met? Do they need additional support? Young Carers Assessment – if the child or parent agrees, a young carer's assessment could be carried out by the local authority to determine whether it's appropriate for the young person to care for someone else and take into account whether they want to be a carer.

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HOW TO RECOGNISE A YOUNG CARER.

This is not always easy as their role may be hidden unintentionally or intentionally. They may comment on the person they care for and their needs or disability in passing. They may share that they have caring responsibilities. They may display concerns as above.

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90-minute webinar Learning from Joint Family Case Reviews in Shropshire

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Shropshire Council - Communicating with the Safeguarding Adults Team or Raising a Safeguarding Adults Concern

Communicating with the Safeguarding Adults Team - when there is an open safeguarding concern or a Section 42 Enquiry is taking place

The Safeguarding Team has optimised the use of the S42enquiry@shropshire.gov.uk mailbox, which was already well-known to providers. Historically, this mailbox has served as the designated channel for the return of Section 42 and other safeguarding enquiries conducted by external agencies. Since February 2025, the mailbox has also been utilised to support with communications from external providers and professionals seeking updates regarding existing open safeguarding concerns or Section 42 enquiries.

The S42enquiry@shropshire.gov.uk mailbox is monitored daily, and any pertinent correspondence is promptly forwarded to the appropriate member of staff within the Adult Safeguarding Team for a timely response.

Raising a Safeguarding Adults Concern with Shropshire Council

Any general queries relating to non-open matters will be redirected to the First Point of Contact (FPOC), in accordance with Shropshire Council's established protocol. So, if you are raising a Safeguarding Adults Concern with Shropshire Council by phone the First Point of Contact team on 0345 678 9044 Monday to Thursday, 9am to 5pm, and Friday 9am to 4pm.

If you have urgent adult safeguarding concerns outside of these hours, please phone the Emergency Social Work Duty Team on 0345 678 9040.

Cezar Sarbu, Service Manager - Adults, Shropshire Council.

CQC statement on the Supreme Court's judgment on deprivation of liberty

Published: 8 June 2026 Page last updated: 16 June 2026

On 2 June 2026, the Supreme Court handed down its [judgment in A Reference by the Attorney General for Northern Ireland](#). The Supreme Court judgment is a significant development in case law. The judgment establishes a new approach to establishing whether a person may be deprived of their liberty.

We acknowledge this change may cause uncertainty as it has an impact on people who use services

<https://www.cqc.org.uk/news/cqc-statement-supreme-courts-judgment-deprivation-liberty>



What this means for providers

The judgment has immediate effect. This means that providers need to familiarise themselves with this legal development and adjust their practice accordingly. We recognise that this judgment may lead to questions about how the different factors should be interpreted and applied in practice. Where appropriate, providers may need to obtain legal advice to ensure that they are compliant with the law while they are waiting for any official guidance to be published. We will therefore adopt a proportionate approach in our assessments while we work with partners in the health and care system to determine the practical impact of this revised position.



Guidance

UK Supreme Court 2026 judgment on what constitutes a deprivation of liberty

Published 15 June 2026

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On 2 June 2026, the Supreme Court published a judgment changing the definition of deprivation of liberty.

These changes apply with immediate effect and extend across the UK.

This update sets out the summary points from the judgment and the main implications for:

- health and social care staff
- anyone who cares for an individual who lacks capacity to consent to their care and residence where there is or may be a deprivation of liberty
- staff with responsibility for organisational policies, procedures and internal or external facing documents relating to deprivation of liberty safeguards

DHSC will publish additional interim guidance to assist with the implications of this ruling.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/changes-to-the-definition-of-deprivation-of-liberty/uk-supreme-court-2026-judgment-on-what-constitutes-a-deprivation-of-liberty>

- instead of relying on the single ‘acid test’, an assessment of whether someone is deprived of their liberty must now consider multiple factors - that is, it is multifactorial
- the starting point in assessing whether someone is deprived of liberty is to look at the specific situation of the individual and take into account the type, duration, effects and manner of implementation of restrictions on the person - crucially, no single factor is determinative
- The 2026 judgment clarifies that a person’s expression of their wishes and feelings carries significant weight. A person can give valid consent if they are conscious of their environment, have a basic level of understanding and are capable of expressing a view that they accept and/or are happy with the situation. However, if there is serious doubt, no conclusion of valid consent can be drawn
- the effect of the restrictions on the person may differ based on whether or not the person is content with their arrangements
- This ruling will not remove the need to comply with ECHR article 5 where it is engaged. Where there is reason to believe that a person is deprived of their liberty, the DoLS process still applies in hospitals and care homes, and the court process still applies in other settings.



Webinar recordings and resources National Mental Capacity Forum webinar recording will be here after it is delivered on 24th June 2026 -

<https://autonomy.essex.ac.uk/nmcf/nmcf-events-resources/>

Past Events

May 2026

Doing Good with DoLS: Using Conditions and Recommendations in the DoLS Process



April 2026

Homelessness, Addiction, and Mental Capacity



March 2026

Reconsidering Consent in the UK Supreme Court



February 2026

Mental Capacity and the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill



July 2024

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June 2024

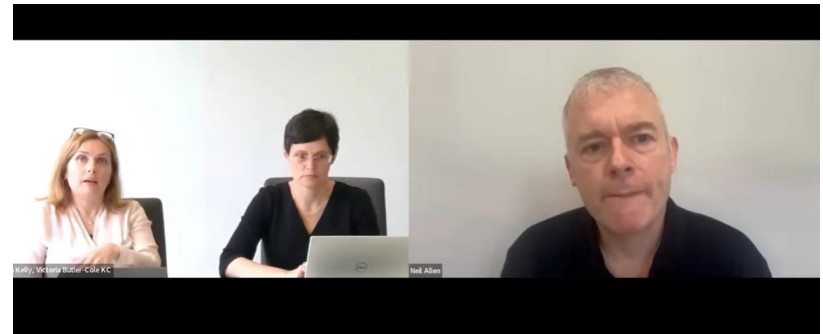
Fluctuating Capacity



Other webinar resources –

The End of the Cheshire West Era, Webinar - 39 Essex Chambers- Neil Allen, Victoria Butler-Cole KC mad Arianna Kelly.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8hq3KN4XIP1>



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Partners in Care MCA and DoLS Webinar and Newsletter Resources

This Padlet is a Partners in Care resource for members and partner agencies. Scroll down in each section to access the resources. Access to these resources is a benefit of attending the live webinar, being provided access as a member of Partners in Care or a partner agency.

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MCA Newsletter March 2026

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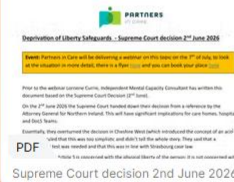
March 2026 - MHA, MCA and DoL update from Ben Troke.



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Guidance UK Supreme Court 2026 judgment on what constitutes a deprivation of liberty, Published 15 June 2026



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November 2025 - Webinar 13 - Mental Capacity, accommodation and residence decisions



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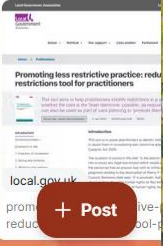
Webinar 12 Mental Capacity and end of life decision making Resources



Other Resources

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Promoting less restrictive practice: reducing restrictions tool for practitioners 2024 Commissioners and Managing Authority be referring to this when working with providers to look at restrictive practice



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To mark Alcohol Awareness Week, Shropshire Recovery Partnership (delivered by WithYou) is running a free online session for professionals across Shropshire.

Understanding Alcohol in Shropshire: Risks, Harms, and Support - Tuesday 7 July, 10am, Online

Whatever your role, you're likely to meet people whose lives are affected by alcohol. This session gives you a clear, practical grounding in the risks, the harm and the support available locally, along with some simple tools you can use in your own work.

The webinar will cover:

- Who is most at risk, including pregnant women and people with ADHD, and why risk isn't shared equally
- The bigger picture of alcohol harm and why it matters for your work
- A brief overview of the physical and mental health impact, including withdrawal
- How we support people at WithYou, from structured treatment through to detox
- Brief interventions anyone can use in everyday conversations

The team will present, then open up for a live Q&A, so come ready to ask questions and share your own perspective. It's open to any professional or interested person in Shropshire, across health, social care, criminal justice, housing, education, the voluntary sector and beyond. No prior knowledge needed.

You can book your free place here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/understanding-alcohol-in-shropshire-risks-harms-and-support-tickets-1991909765730>

Whistleblowing at work - Reports of sexual harassment can be a protected disclosure

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What someone can whistleblow about

- **Changes brought about under the Employment Rights Act around sexual harassment**

Qualifying disclosures

These include:

- a criminal offence – for example, an employer has been trying to bribe people
- the breach of a legal obligation by an organisation – for example, an employer has neglected their duty of care towards children in a care home
- a miscarriage of justice – for example, a member of staff has been dismissed for something that turned out to be a computer error
- someone's health and safety being in danger – for example, an employer has forced staff to serve contaminated food
- **sexual harassment – for example, someone is sexually harassed by their manager (from 6 April 2026)**
- damage to the environment – for example, an employer has been regularly polluting local rivers

From 6 April 2026 sexual harassment is a 'qualifying disclosure' under whistleblowing law. Find out more about what this means from Acas [here](#)

Do you need to update your whistleblowing/Speaking Up/Disclosure Policy?

Baroness Casey has requested that DHSC...

1. Set up, immediately, a new National Safeguarding Board, chaired by Sarah McClinton, the Chief Social Worker, and reporting to the Minister for Social Care, which would have statutory responsibility for adult safeguarding: reviewing Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SAR), identifying national risks, and commissioning thematic reviews.
1. Lead an urgent review of existing adult safeguarding statutory duties and powers, to test whether the current framework provides sufficient clarity and leverage in high-risk situations.

Baroness Casey in her remarks at the Nuffield Trust Summit, Baroness Casey of Blackstock said:

‘Among all the issues I have considered in the past year, one of the most concerning has been the abdication of responsibility, by successive governments, to protect people who are vulnerable and at risk of abuse.’

‘Instead of a robust national safeguarding system, serious safeguarding failures are addressed as isolated local problems, meaning the same concerns are identified repeatedly without national scrutiny, action, or consequences.’

Baroness Casey 03 March 2026



Reviewing Adult Safeguarding in England – under the Care Act

- A new national safeguarding board, as per the Independent Commission recommendation (Independent commission into adult social care: terms of reference, Baroness Casey).
- Urgent review of safeguarding guidance and statutory duties
- Review of safeguarding data (as collected from Local Authorities), suggestions from SAB's in response to this to shift from basic compliance & volume reporting to measuring quality and real-world impact. Capturing outcomes for people, not just activity like the number of enquiries.
- Types of abuse outlined in the in Care and Support Guidance – discussion at national SAB managers groups for instance about adding 'Exploitation'.



You can read a press release here (5th March) <https://caseycommission.co.uk/baroness-casey-calls-for-a-moment-of-reckoning-on-adult-social-care/#:~:text=Baroness%20Casey%20also%20confirmed%20she,reform%20needed%20in%20these%20areas>
and watch the speech here <https://caseycommission.co.uk/baroness-casey-calls-for-a-moment-of-reckoning-on-adult-social-care/#:~:text=Baroness%20Casey%20also%20confirmed%20she,reform%20needed%20in%20these%20areas>.

Read the response from the Department of Health and Social care here –
Correspondence Letter from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to
Baroness Casey of Blackstock DBE CB
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/letter-from-the-secretary-of-state-for-health-and-social-care-to-baroness-casey/letter-from-the-secretary-of-state-for-health-and-social-care-to-baroness-casey-of-blackstock-dbe-cb>



AI is changing everything: Learn how to use it for free!

AI Law and Legal Training - Understanding Generative AI in Law

Need to know more about using AI? A free series of online courses on Generative AI produced in collaboration with Citizens Advice and the University of Lincoln. Ensuring that everyone has the skills to use AI tools safely, and responsibly is critical. Courses include those relevant to the general public as well as professional roles.

There are eight courses available:

1. Understanding Generative AI
2. Skills and Strategies for Using Generative AI
3. Key Considerations for Successful Generative AI Adoption
4. Use Cases for Generative AI
5. Ethical and Responsible Use of Generative AI
6. Navigating Risk Management
7. Legal Regulation and Compliance
8. Horizon Scanning and AI Literacy

You will need to sign up or sign in to The Open University Platform to access the courses.

All courses can be accessed here -

https://www.open.edu/openlearncreate/course/index.php?categoryid=2150&_gl=1*vzpm5v*_gcl_au*MTc5MTg4OTU5Mi4xNzc3MDE4NTA4



Do You Like Listening to a Podcast whilst Working?

How about the latest Research in Practice Podcast on 'Considering effective safeguarding practice'?

This podcast looks at:

- What we mean by safeguarding adults.
- Making Safeguarding Personal.
- The effect of discrimination.
- Human rights.
- Considerations around power.

Access it here -

<https://www.researchinpractice.org.uk/adults/content-pages/podcasts/considering-effective-safeguarding-practice/>



Linked from the Partners in Care
YouTube here

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And the DBS YouTube here -

<https://www.youtube.com/@DisclosureandBarringService>

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1. What is DBS, and why does it matter?
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Webinar 16 - October - Who makes decisions when someone is found to lack relevant capacity and does anyone support them? (12th October, 2:00pm-3:30pm).

- £20 per learner (members) £28 (non-member)
- Book here <https://www.partnersincare.org.uk/training-courses/mca-dols/mca-and-dols-webinars>



Partners in Care Mental Capacity Webinar Series - Webinar 15 - Valid consent, the Supreme Court and Article 5

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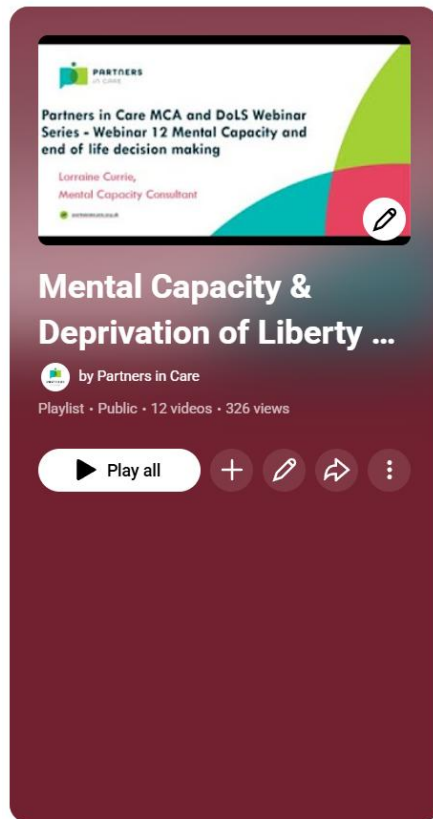


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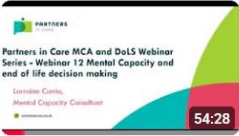
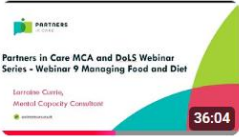
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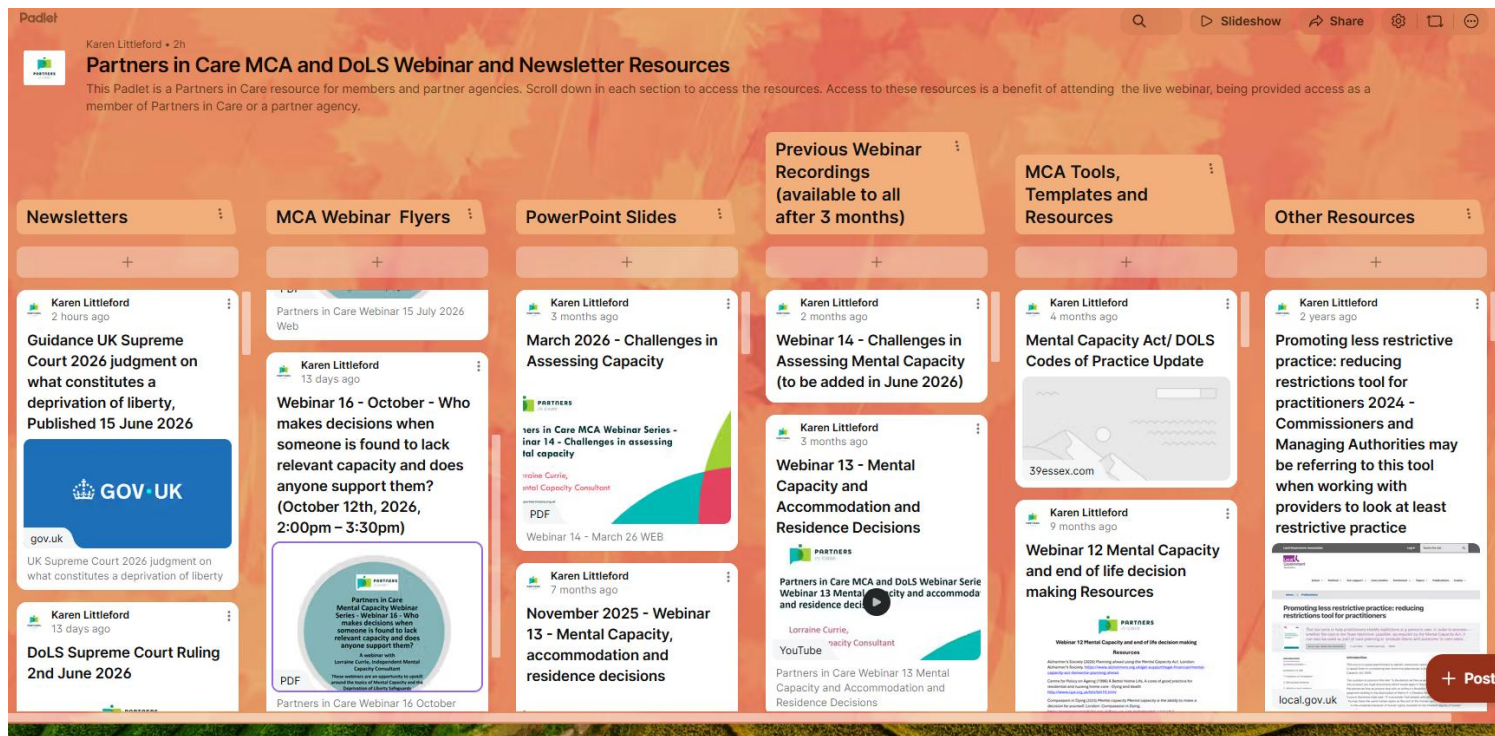


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Mental Capacity and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Padlet (Partners in Care)



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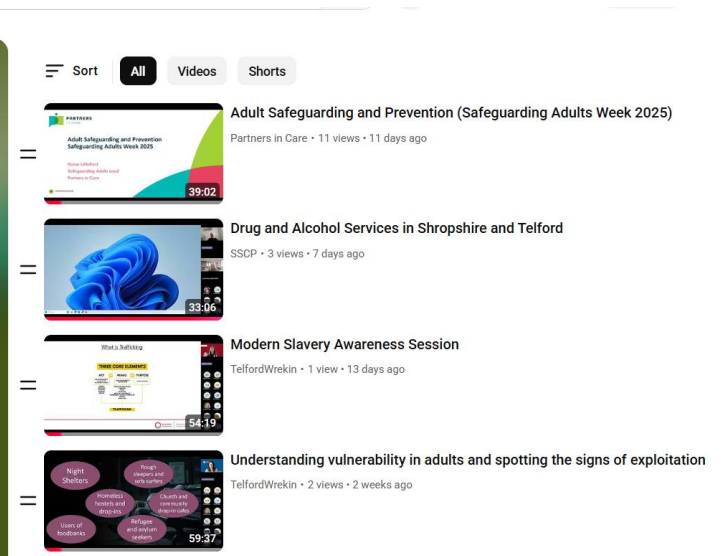


Safeguarding Adults Week Event 2026 – November 16th - 20th

Previous Event Recordings

The 2025 resources and webinar recording can be accessed on Padlet [here](#).

You can watch the events from Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin on the Partners in Care YouTube channel 2024 [here](#) and 2025 [here](#)



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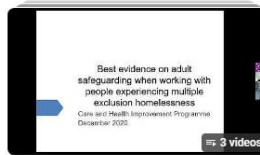
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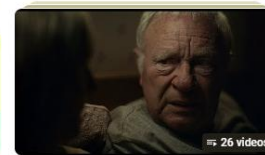
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