



Safeguarding Bulletin

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Hello, and welcome to the summer edition of the Ann Craft Trust Safeguarding Adults Bulletin.

First, I'd like to welcome three new trustees to the Ann Craft Trust: Sarah Mander, Deborah Peat, and Dr Mark Brookes. We are also looking for a new chair of trustees. You'll find more information about this role, and how to apply, below.

In the last Bulletin we revealed that the theme of this year's Safeguarding Adults Week will be **prevention**. As part of this, we're encouraging people to **change the conversation**. Rather than reacting to instances of abuse, or waiting for concerns to arise, we want to focus on preventing abuse from occurring in the first place, rather than only waiting for concerns to arise. You can read my thoughts on this below.

Part of changing the conversation also includes thinking about language we use. I was both saddened and heartened by [an article read this week](#) about how language, including that used in legislation, has shifted over time. I was saddened that, as a society, we ever felt and spoke in such a way about people with learning or physical disabilities, for example. But it was heartening to consider that, for the most part, we've left some language behind, and that we're all starting to recognise and call out poor language choice.

By taking an inclusive approach, we can stop implicitly "blaming" individuals with labels like "vulnerable", "challenging", and "complex".

Finally from me, a quick update on this November's Safeguarding Adults Conference in Nottingham. Tickets are selling fast!! More than half of them have gone already! Details of our conference can be found below and I'd urge you to **BOOK NOW** to avoid disappointment.

Stuart Sale
CEO, The Ann Craft Trust

Prevention: acting before abuse

Safeguarding Adults Week 2025

Safeguarding Adults Week 2025 - Free Resources

Safeguarding Adults Week 2025 takes place from Monday 17 to Friday 21 November.

Throughout the week, we're encouraging people to take a closer look at their approach to prevention. We want individuals and organisations to ensure that prevention is embedded in their policies and procedures.

[You can learn more about the key themes of the week here.](#)

We have created some free resources to help you start some vital conversations both online and offline. We'll update this page in the months leading up to the week. If you've not done so already, [you can sign up to receive Safeguarding Adults Week email updates.](#)

[Get your free Safeguarding Adults Week Resources here.](#)



The Ann Craft Trust Safeguarding Adults Conference 2025

Join us at the 2025 Ann Craft Trust Safeguarding Adults Conference to help us change the conversation about safeguarding & preventing abuse.

The conference will take place at Trent Conference Centre, Nottingham, on Wednesday 19 November.

We will reveal the programme of keynote speakers, workshops, and breakout sessions in the coming months.

Over 50% of places have now been booked!

[Book your place here.](#)



Could You Be The Next Ann Craft Trust Chair of Trustees?

We are looking for a committed individual who has an interest in safeguarding adults to become Chair of the Ann Craft Trust Board of Trustees.

The chair will work with the board of trustees to guide as well as support the charity to deliver our strategic plan and vision. We are looking for someone who shares our values and recognises that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

[Get full details and apply here >>](#)



Change the Conversation!

What do we talk about when we talk about safeguarding?

Broadly speaking, we talk about what we can do to keep people safe. But all too often, the discussions we have are reactive.

A focus on “lessons we can learn” implies that we need to wait for something to go wrong before we can identify what needs fixing.

[Here's how we're trying to change the conversation >>](#)



Farewell From Safeguarding Adults Manager Roisin Tear

In early June, Roisin left The Ann Craft Trust for a new role with Leicestershire County Council.

Before she left, she took the time to reflect on her experiences at the Trust, and on the importance of focusing on mental health and wellbeing in the workplace.

[Read Roisin's thoughts on her time at The Ann Craft Trust >>](#)

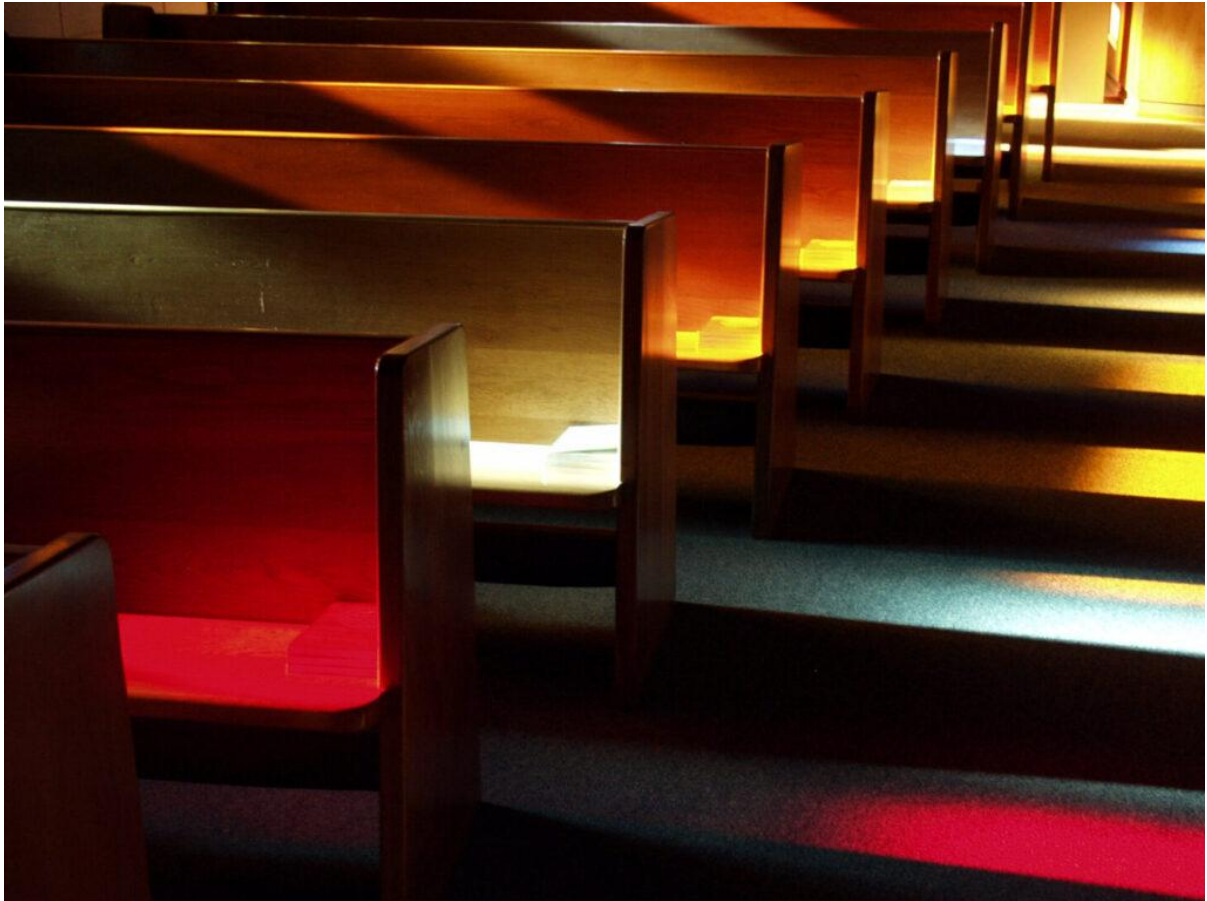


£400,000 Theft Highlights the Importance of Understanding Financial Abuse and Exploitation

A couple of recent cases in Nottinghamshire have revealed the devastating impact that financial abuse can have on individuals and families.

We have a [free eLearning course](#) focused on financial capability. Learning to spot the signs of financial abuse may help prevent future instances of harm and exploitation.

[Learn more about how financial abuse can take place in both family and care settings >>](#)



Podcast: Safeguarding in Faith

Ann Craft Trust Safeguarding Adults Manager Laura Thorpe talks to Madison Clarke about safeguarding in faith organisations.

Madison and Laura discuss how safeguarding works in a spiritual setting. They also explore the factors that can contribute to a safer culture in a faith organisation.

[Listen to this podcast here >>](#)



How Often Do You Need to Update Your Safeguarding Adults Knowledge and Training?

Safeguarding adults is an ongoing responsibility that requires regular reflection, learning, and development.

So how often should you refresh your knowledge and training?

[Read our guide to creating an ongoing safeguarding training schedule >>](#)

News and Resources Roundup

Would you like something featured in a future Roundup? Whether it's a new resource, a job vacancy, some research findings, or something else entirely, [get in touch to tell us more](#).

- **[Rapid Literature Review: The characteristics of safety cultures](#)**. Research setting out the parts that make safety culture, and how they might differ in different settings.
- **[Crime and Policing Bill: Overarching factsheet](#)**. What is the government planning to do, and how are they going to do it?
- **[Understanding the Terminally Ill Adults \(End of Life\) Bill](#)**. The passing of the Bill marks a historic shift in the legal landscape surrounding end-of-life decisions and care in the UK. It will now be debated in the House of Lords.
- **[Minister "not convinced" on replacing DoLS with Liberty Protection Safeguards](#)**. Care minister Stephen Kinnock is not entirely persuaded that LPS will achieve its objectives.
- **["I just want to be able to dance."](#)** New report promotes the wellbeing of people living with dementia through community development, social innovation, and personalised support.

- [Practice tips on engaging with parents with learning disabilities.](#) Advice from a Community Care Inform guide.
- [The duty to make reasonable adjustments.](#) Tips for employers.

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