



Safeguarding Bulletin

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Welcome to the Spring 2026 edition of the Ann Craft Trust Safeguarding Adults Bulletin. I hope you're enjoying the lighter evenings and slightly warmer weather.

Since the last bulletin, there has perhaps been the biggest announcement concerning safeguarding adults that we've seen for a number of years. [The Casey Commission](#) was set up to recommend how to reform the adult social care system.

Following [Baroness Casey's speech in March 2026](#), the Health and Social Care Secretary confirmed that there would be an urgent review of adult safeguarding statutory duties and powers as well as creating a new national safeguarding adults board. The Ann Craft Trust welcomes this development and we urge the Department of Health and Social Care to consider and listen to all stakeholders in this review.

Many of you reading this will have views on the current [Care Act 2014](#) safeguarding legislation. So when the opportunity arises, please make sure you share these so we can continue to improve safeguarding adults arrangements.

And this is just the welcome message! Throughout the bulletin there are a whole host of interesting articles and information. And don't forget that you can now [sign up to our training update email for the latest information about our training opportunities](#).

Happy reading,

Stuart Sale

CEO

Ann Craft Trust

Every Voice. Every Choice.

Safeguarding Adults Week 2026

Safeguarding Adults Week 2026 – Every Voice. Every Choice.

Safeguarding Adults Week 2026 will take place 16 – 22 November.

Our focus this year is on how **co-production is central to safeguarding adults**

Every Voice. Every Choice.

By prioritising choice, safeguarding can become more preventative, build trust, and empower individuals.

We'll explore how a collaborative approach aligns closely with key principals of the Care Act 2014, such as **empowerment** and **prevention**.

A key theme is **Making Safeguarding Personal**, which prioritises the outcomes for the individuals. It's all about giving people a *voice*, and making it their *choice* as to what happens, and what makes them feel safe.

[Sign up for free Safeguarding Adults Week resources here](#)

Safeguarding Adults Week 2026 - Official Launch Event

Monday 8 June

13:00 - 14:00

Online

In this official launch event for the campaign, we will share the creative assets for the campaign and explore this year's key theme.

We'll share some ideas for how you can get involved in this campaign, and you'll have the opportunity to share your own ideas for themes, workshops, and other resources.

[Book your place at the Safeguarding Adults Week 2026 Official Launch Event](#)



Safeguarding Matters Podcasts

Want to get involved?

Do you have something to say about safeguarding adults?

Whether you've got a safeguarding success story to share, or you want to raise awareness of a project, issue, or campaign, we'd like to hear from you.

[Contact us to get involved in our Safeguarding Matters podcast series.](#)

[You can also sign up for free Safeguarding Matters email updates.](#)



Podcast: Supported Loving For People With Learning Disabilities

In the latest episode of our Safeguarding Matters podcast, Laura Thorpe chats with Dr Claire Bates from Choice Support Supported Loving.

In this episode, Laura and Claire discuss how research, training, and accessible information on sex and relationships can help to make love a reality for everyone.

[Listen here >>](#)



Podcast: We Are Survivors – Tackling Gender-Based Violence Against Men and Boys

Ann Craft Trust Safeguarding Adults Manager Laura Thorpe speaks with Duncan Craig OBE, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of We Are Survivors.

They discuss how their safeguarding roles contribute to creating a world free from abuse. Duncan shares insight into the specialist services provided by We Are Survivors. This includes male survivors of abuse, such as survivors who have offended, with the aim of preventing further harm.

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



Key Governance Challenges For Charities, And How To Overcome Them

When we conduct a safeguarding audit, we seek to understand an organisation's values, history, and evolution. Crucially, we also seek to find how the organisation translates these factors into practice to create and sustain an effective safeguarding culture.

[Learn more >>](#)



How To Embed Safeguarding Within Your Organisation At All Levels

Is safeguarding a priority within your organisation? Here's a guide to how you can embed safeguarding at team level, board level, and senior level, with advice on how designated safeguarding leads and committees can contribute to good governance.

[Learn more >>](#)



What I Learned At My Ann Craft Trust Placement

Amelie Shaw is a third-year criminology and sociology student at The University of Nottingham. She recently completed a voluntary placement as an Admin Support intern at The Ann Craft Trust. So we asked her to reflect on her experiences.

[Read Amelie's blog >>](#)

News & Resources Roundup

Would you like something featured in a future Roundup? We're looking for resource, a job vacancies, research findings, and more. So, [get in touch to tell us more](#).

- [Summary of the Southport Inquiry](#). CASPAR briefing, phase 1 report.
- [Assisted dying bill runs out of time](#). Supporters vow to try again.
- [Of All The Things](#). New film and resources to raise awareness of hoarding.
- [DoLS referrals up 10%](#). But practitioners are bringing down lengthy backlog.
- [Bishop Robert Springett begins role as Lead Safeguarding Bishop in the Church of England](#). Bishop Robert will work closely with the National Safeguarding Team, which provides specialist expertise on casework, policy development, training, evaluation and survivor participation.
- [Cause for alarm](#): What can safeguarding data tell us about the challenges facing health and care services?
- [University of Nottingham SafeZone](#). New mobile app designed to give students and staff peace of mind on campus.
- ["My GP prescribed Parkrun - it changed my life"](#). Social prescription success story.
- [Safeguarding Adults Reviews 4d: Methodology options](#). Overview of the review methodology options available for Safeguarding Adult Reviews to ensure proportionate, effective learning across the SSASPB partnership.
- [Government Pledges New Safeguarding Board and Urgent Review Following Casey Commission Call to Action](#). The commitments were set out in a formal reply from Wes Streeting, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, published on 5 March 2026.
- [163 arrested in County Lines crackdown in the West Midlands](#). A major blitz on criminal gangs in the West Midlands who exploit children and vulnerable adults to supply drugs across the country.

Want the latest safeguarding adults in sport news? Be sure to subscribe to our [monthly sport update](#).