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# 2021 VCSE SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE: #ARETHEYSAFE?

YOU may be the **ONLY** person they tell.

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9.30AM - 12:30PM VIA ZOOM

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# PROGRAM

**#AreTheySafe? YOU may be the ONLY person they tell**

Me: 'Are you concerned that it is a safeguarding issue?'

Other: 'Oh no, no. It's not a safeguarding issue.'

Me: 'Is the person safe from harm and abuse?'

Other: 'No. I am really worried they are being abused.'

I realised that this kind of conversation was happening quite a bit. As we listened and reflected we realised that for some 'Safeguarding' was seen as something that the 'Professionals' in Social Care, the Police or a BIG specialist charity would do. Safeguarding was something specialised and 'different' from what they were concerned about in the lives of the children or adults they were seeing.

When we started to ask the questions, 'Are they safe?' or 'Can they keep them self safe from harm and abuse?' people were able to clearly express their concerns. They were also able to identify if the concerns were ones that would meet the thresholds for safeguarding or if they were welfare/ wellbeing concerns instead.

Simply changing the way we ask questions and listen to the answers can transform the support we provide to people at risk of abuse. We understand the difference between safeguarding and welfare concerns and can offer appropriate support and guidance.

It also changes the way people speak to us. It allows people to tell us their story; if we ask better questions and they know that we will listen. If we are aware of some of the signs of abuse we can be appropriately curious and encourage people to share their story and to get support. If people are living with difficult and traumatic experiences they may well tell their stories differently and we may miss the key point.

It's also important that the information we communicate about our concerns to the statutory services, safeguarding, social care, the MASH etc is told in an appropriate way.

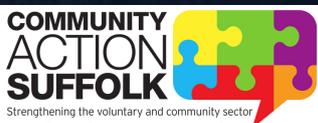
This event is a great opportunity to hear from experts in their field about a range of key subjects and learn from their experience. It is an opportunity to be inspired, to inspire and to develop your safeguarding 'eyes and ears'. It will help you support people who are at risk of abuse, or who are being abused. After all, YOU may be the ONLY person they tell.

This event is designed primarily for the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise sector, but everyone is welcome.

It is suitable for anyone who has an interest in keeping people safe and who want to make their organisations a safe place for people to attend.

Surely, that is worth a morning of your time.

Jacqui Wilkinson, Community Action Suffolk



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# PROGRAM: PART ONE

**9:30 AM**

**WELCOME**

BY JACQUI WILKINSON, COMMUNITY ACTION SUFFOLK

**9:35 AM**

**OPENING ADDRESS**

BY ANTHONY DOUGLAS CBE, SUFFOLK  
SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP

**9:45 AM**

**EXPLOITATION: HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT**

BY CLAIRE PROSSER, SUFFOLK COUNTY  
COUNCIL

**10:05 AM**

**GAMBLING: A HIDDEN HARM?**

BY LUKE SAVAGE, GAMCARE

**10:25 AM**

**FINANCIAL ABUSE: THEY SAID WHAT?**

BY LESLEY CROMPTON AND JOHN GREENWOOD

**10:45 AM**

**BREAK**

# PROGRAM PART TWO

**11:00 AM**

**HAVING DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS:  
TRAUMA INFORMED PRACTICE**  
BY KATHERINE AHLUWALIA, LIGHTHOUSE  
WOMENS AID

**11:20 AM**

**MENTAL HEALTH & SAFEGUARDING  
THRESHOLDS,**  
BY SARANNA BURGESS, NFST, NORFOLK AND  
SUFFOLK NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

**11:40 AM**

**TOP TIPS ON MAKING A  
SAFEGUARDING REFERRAL**  
BY ANTHONY DOUGLAS CBE SUFFOLK  
SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP

**11:50 AM**

**DOMESTIC ABUSE: IF WALLS COULD  
TALK, WOULD YOU LISTEN?**  
BY TERI CUDBY, SUFFOLK DOMESTIC ABUSE  
CHAMPIONS

**12:10PM**

**Q&A PANEL WITH THE PRESENTERS**

**12:25PM**

**SUMMARY AND CLOSE**