

Self Neglect & Adult Safeguarding

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Monday 4th July 2016 Hallam Conference Centre, London



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London Borough of Lambeth

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The Government recently announced on March 11th 2016 the new Safeguarding Statutory Guidance "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

"Self-neglect can be a complex and challenging issue for practitioners to address, because of the need to find the right balance between respecting a person's autonomy and fulfilling their duty to protect the adult's health and wellbeing. Both perspectives can be supported by human rights arguments. The Care Act 2014 statutory guidance includes self-neglect in the categories of abuse or neglect relevant to safeguarding adults with care and support needs. In some circumstances, where there is a serious risk to the health and wellbeing of an individual, it may be appropriate to raise self-neglect as a safeguarding concern. However, interventions on self-neglect are usually more appropriate under the parts of the Care Act dealing with assessment, planning, information and advice, and prevention. It is vital to establish whether the person has capacity to make decisions about their own wellbeing, and whether or not they are able or willing to care for themselves. An adult who is able to make choices may make decisions that others think of as self....The legislation makes clear that adult safeguarding responses should be guided by the adult themselves, to achieve the outcomes that they want to achieve. Carrying out an assessment may be difficult, if the person is reluctant. Research indicates that intervening successfully depends on practitioners taking time to gain the person's trust and build a relationship, and going at the person's own pace." Social Care Institute for Excellence 2015.

"Self neglect is one of the difficult issues for practitioners...working with someone who hoards or self neglects is very much about relationship building which can be a very long process." Claire Crawley, Senior Policy Manager, Adult Safeguarding Department of Health

"Cases of self-neglect are complex and pose ethical dilemmas between promoting individual autonomy and fulfilling a duty of care and, because safeguarding's remit covers only third-party actions or omissions, it is often unclear where self-neglect fits within agency responsibilities. As a result, healthcare and social workers often lack clarity on assessment and intervention." The University of Sussex 2014

The need to protect people from abuse and neglect is a key element of the Care Act 2014. This conference focuses on the difficult issue of self neglect and adult safeguarding. Through national updates, practical case studies and extended masterclasses the conference will cover self neglect under the Care Act 2014, meeting the new statutory safeguarding guidance in March 2016, the legislative framework for self neglect, 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.

10.00 Chair's Welcome and Introduction

Siân Walker

Independent Chair, Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board at London Borough of Lambeth

10.10 EXTENDED SESSION: Adult Safeguarding & Self Neglect The Legislative Framework & Implications of the Care Act 2014

Kate Hill

Senior Solicitor/Trainer

RadcliffeLeBrasseur Solicitors and InPractice Training

- the Care Act revised regulations and guidance: what has changed with regard to self neglect?
- legal issues for intervention
- the key legislation which is helpful for when considering intervention in self neglect cases
- mental capacity considerations
- issues to be aware of

11.10 *Question and answers, followed by coffee and exhibition at 11.20*

11.40 EXTENDED SESSION Safeguarding people who self neglect: What Works?

Prof Suzy Braye

*Professor of Social Work & Social Care
University of Sussex*

This session will draw on evidence from the presenter's recent research (with David Orr and Michael Preston-Shoot) into effective practice in self-neglect (commissioned by the Department of Health and published by SCIE) to consider:

- what is known about the range and scope of self-neglect work nationally
- what challenges are experienced by practitioners and managers in adult social care when working in self-neglect
- what goes wrong – findings from serious case reviews in cases of self-neglect
- what goes right - building an effective strategic infrastructure for interagency communication, decision-making and shared risk-management
- what goes right – practitioners' perspectives on approaches that support positive outcomes

13.00 *Question and answers, followed by lunch*

14.00 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

14.30 Extended Session Engaging with and understanding the underlying causes of self-neglect

Michelle Johnstone

*Head of Safeguarding
Lincs Community Health Service*

This session will explore

- Lincolnshire's experience of managing self neglect
- the need to provide support for workers
- examine some of the success measures
- some of the challenges of implementing self neglect strategies

15.30 *Question and answers, followed by coffee*

16.00 Extended session: Hoarding and self neglect in practice

Speaker to be announced

- hoarding and risk issues relating to hoarding
- preventing the escalation of hoarding
- supporting the hoarder to address underlying causes of hoarding
- supporting the person to change hoarding behaviours
- understanding the psychological / mental health issues associated with hoarding
- MCA self neglect decisions

16.40 *Question and answers, followed by close at 16.50*

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Monday 4th July 2016

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