



**EARLY BOOKING
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THIRD NATIONAL CONFERENCE

MODERNISING ADULT SAFEGUARDING AND THE LAW

Topics include:

- Complexity of present legislation – conflicts and contra-indications
- Lessons to be learned – recent events and change which will affect safeguarding policy
- The Law Commission Review – the challenge and the way ahead
- Personalisation & Safeguarding – opportunities and threats
- Patient/Service User Safety – Standard 3, Legal Redress and Justice

PLUS legal case studies for:

- Multi-Agency Safeguarding Boards
- Local Authorities
- PCTs and NHS Trusts

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The Law Commission – Adult Social Care Scoping Report, November 26th 2008. Crown Copyright

November 2008 saw The Law Commission produce the 'Adult Social Care Scoping Report'. In reference to the present legislative framework for adult safeguarding **Kenneth Parker QC**, the Commissioner leading this project has said:

"The Government recognised that this is a serious problem and asked us to undertake a thorough review. The legal framework of adult social care is inadequate, difficult to understand and outdated. There is no single modern statute to which disabled people, carers and social care staff can look to understand whether services can or should be provided. Our ultimate aim is to provide this. Adult social care law is in urgent need of reform. The current law is a confusing jumble of conflicting statutes enacted over a period of 60 years which contain outdated language and discriminatory concepts. This can cause distress for some of the most vulnerable sectors of society, and can also give rise to human rights concerns."

Suzy Braye, Professor of Social Work and Social Care, Sussex University will open and Chair **AssessForCare's** third National Conference, which will provide the rare opportunity to air modern ideas, debate conflicts, identify threats and outline opportunities which face effective adult safeguarding. It will also allow the chance to pose serious questions to some leading national decision makers.

Topics will include:

- Lessons presently being learned from Children's Safeguarding
- The complexity and inadequacy of Adult Safeguarding legislation, its conflicts and contra-indications
- The Law Commission – the scoping of the laws and the guidance review
- Personalisation and the challenge posed for effective safeguarding
- Patient/service user safety, legal redress & justice

The core of our conference aims will be managed by our Chair who has written widely on social work, law, community care provision and professional values, whilst her specialist research interest has focused on the relationship between law, social work practice, policy implementation, partnership and participation. Suzy will open the Conference with an overview of complexities and inefficiencies that surround Safeguarding culminating in the problems and injustice this causes. Adding to this **Dwayne Johnson – ADASS Older People Network Joint Chair**, our keynote speaker, will identify recent transferable lessons from Child Protection, and will consider challenges, threats and opportunities for adult safeguarding policy posed by personalisation.

Tim Spencer-Lane – Solicitor and member of Kenneth Parker's (QC) **Public Law Project Team** from the **Law Commission** – will focus on the potential for the implementation of the Scoping Report considering:

- the establishment of overarching principles to assist local authorities and courts to carry out functions
- helping service users to understand their entitlements
- duties relating to community care and carers assessments; unnecessary duplication, legal complexity, and eligibility for services.

Lucy Bonnerjea – Lead for Safeguarding Policy, from The Department of Health – will give insight into the latest developments from the Department's perspective into the future of Safeguarding Policy, the way forward and the challenges ahead.

Gary Fitzgerald – Chief Executive of Action For Elder Abuse, will pose a 'reality check' on the present situation, issues and solutions, and **Peter Walsh, Chief Executive of Action Against Medical Accidents (AvMA)** will directly address Patient Safety, Standard 3, Legal Redress & Justice, focusing on avoidable harm which has resulted from failure to treat or treat appropriately.

Local Authority Solicitor, Rebecca Page will clarify legal grey areas, focusing on potential for dispute, challenge and cross-over, whilst national workforce development issues will be profiled by **Deborah Stuart-Angus, CEO of AssessForCare**, author of several recent publications which outline the necessary skill base for staff to effectively safeguard. **John Curry – Safeguarding Chair, Hull and East Riding of Yorkshire** (ex-Strategic Lead for Yorkshire Police – Child Protection & Domestic Violence and member of ADASS Safeguarding Adults Reference Group) will pose his views for policy that works at the front line, crime prevention and the pivotal role of the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Board.

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

9.15	Registration & Coffee
9.30	The Law and Vulnerable People – Chair’s Speech Suzy Braye – Professor of Social Work and Social Care, Sussex University <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview: complexities and inefficiencies• The problems this causes• The injustice
9.45	What Have We Learned? Dwayne Johnson – ADASS Joint Chair, Older People’s Network & Strategic Director, Halton Borough Council (Keynote Speech) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transferable lessons from child protection• Lessons from Europe
10.00	The Reality Check Gary Fitzgerald – CEO, Action For Elder Abuse <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The situation as we know it• The issues• Potential solutions
10.30	Lessons for Multi-Agency Response and Safeguarding Boards John Curry – Chair, Safeguarding Board East Riding & Hull <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What we do well• What we will need to do differently• Impact on policy and procedure
11.00	Questions & Answers, followed by Coffee
11.30	Patient Safety, Standard 3, Legal Redress and Justice Peter Walsh – CEO, Action Against Medical Accidents (AvMA) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What constitutes a medical accident?• Avoidable harm• Legal redress• Patient support
12.00	Conflicts and Problems in the Legal Framework Rebecca Page – Local Authority Solicitor, Adult Services <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present legal issues and conflicts• Potential areas for legal challenge and redress• Case law and case studies
12.30	Questions & Answers, followed by Lunch
1.30	Developing Staff Skills for Effective Safeguarding Deborah Stuart-Angus – CEO, Assess For Care <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recent lessons• Skillsets• Risk Analysis
1.50	Personalisation and Safeguarding Dwayne Johnson – ADASS, Joint Chair, Older People’s Network & Strategic Director, Halton Borough Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opportunities• Threats
2.20	The Law Commission Review Tim Spencer-Lane, Public Law Team, Law Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Scoping Report• The Commission’s Perspective
3.00	Questions & Answers, followed by Coffee
3.30	Challenges & The Way Ahead Lucy Bonnerjea – Department of Health Safeguarding Policy Lead <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Challenges• Opportunities• The way forward
4.00	Expert Panel Questions & Answers
4.30	Chair’s Summary and 4.45 Close

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The Nash Room, Institute of Directors,
116 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5ED

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