

Safeguarding Current Awareness Bulletin

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Title: Safeguarding of vulnerable adults training: assessing the effect of continuing professional development.

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Aim: This article provides an insight into the effect of safeguarding of vulnerable adults continuing professional development (SOVA-CPD) training for nurses.

Method: 51 participants were recruited from three different cohorts of SOVA-CPD training that had been delivered in east England. A 50-item questionnaire was designed to gather participants' views on their acquisition of knowledge and skills, and perceived changes in practice, and to allow them to describe how they have changed how they work due to the training.

Results: Participants agreed overwhelmingly that the SOVA-CPD had enhanced their competency and skills so that their patients' care could improve. However, despite the benefits that some participants described, the potential positive effects of SOVA-CPD were curtailed by the challenges participants experienced in making changes in their practice settings.

Conclusion: The study highlights several benefits of SOVA-CPD for nurses, including the benefits to patient care of a CPD learning environment for practitioners. It suggests that employers should provide environments in which staff who have undertaken SOVA-CPD can trigger and sustain changes to improve patient care.

Title: 'Don't Even Get Us Started on Social Workers': Domestic Violence, Social Work and Trust—An Anecdote from Research.

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Abstract: This paper explores the concept of trust in relation to social work, child protection and work on domestic abuse. Trust is a complex notion. Borrowing from the arguments of Behnia that trust is the outcome of a process, the paper uses the talk of women who have experienced social work in the context of domestic abuse and child protection to consider the barriers to trust building. The evidence is gathered from three focus groups which formed part of an evaluation of a 'Freedom Programme'. The findings highlight issues with trust building that start with the context of living with abuse and work outwards to considerations of professional power, social work systems and wider inequality, suggesting an ecological approach to the trust-building process. The key argument is that social workers will struggle to gain trust within a system that sees domestic abuse as a hurdle that mothers must overcome, rather than a trauma through which they should be supported. The experiences of the women in this research, however, do show that trust and respect for voluntary service are achievable and that practice which builds alliances with the voluntary sector and service users could develop more trusting relationships.

Title: Adult safeguarding under the Care Act 2014.

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Summary: Safeguarding adults is everybody's business, and it is now standard practice for clinicians to undertake safeguarding training as part of their mandatory training in the UK. Nevertheless, safeguarding work is complex and can involve significant dilemmas for professionals. The Care Act 2014 has introduced a number of differences in the way safeguarding is approached, emphasising the overall well-being and choice of the patient rather than merely focusing on their safety. This paper sets out to illustrate evolving safeguarding demand and practice, and aid clinicians in protecting people at risk by describing how they can approach challenging presentations. Declaration of interest: None.

Sources Used:

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