

National Conference for Safeguarding Adults Board's. 19 May 2026 10.00hrs to 15.30hrs

The Great Hall, Kensington, London, W8 7N [Great Hall | Venues](#)

The overarching theme of the conference:

“Recognising ten years of positive impact - and looking at what is next for Safeguarding Adults Boards and the wider sector”.

Safeguarding Adults Boards are at a crossroads after establishing themselves as statutory bodies and demonstrating how they can effectively lead across the safeguarding sector, but this conference is an opportunity to reinforce the impact and value SABs can have whilst looking forward to the next chapter.

Target audience: SAB Chairs and Managers, other Board partners, key influencers, and policy holders in the sector including politicians.

- Sarah McClinton the Chief Social Worker for adults is attending.
- Civil servants from key Government depts. will be attending.
- Senior leaders from the Care Quality Commission have been invited.
- Senior leaders from key national bodies and organisations have been invited.

Speakers: Biographies will be provided.

Facilitators/ hosts: SAB Managers and the Chairs Networks are hosting this event.

Voices of lived experience: This is a key strand throughout - messages ‘not to be forgotten’.

Two-way engagement: Use of Menti-metre will be used to create live data on key issues and questions posed throughout the event and allow for questions to be asked but moderated/ collated. This will save time and ensure the right quality to be asked at the speaker Q&A panel.

Refreshments and Lunch: Tea/ coffee and lunch will be provided free of charge.

Networking: This is a key part of the event, with time for this prior to the formal start of the event, during the break, and at the end before the venue must be vacated.

Agenda: [subject to amendment]

- 10.00hrs **Arrival and Networking** (refreshments provided)
- 10.30hrs **Introduction by the Co-Hosts**
➤ Professor Michael Preston-Shoot and Walter Lloyd-Smith.
- 10.40hrs **Keynote Speaker - Stephen Kinnock MP** [Minister of State for Care]
The next chapter for Safeguarding Adults Boards - reinforcing impact and value.
- 11.00hrs **'Kayleigh's Story' - Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board**
➤ Introduced by Amy Mahoney.
- 11.10hrs **SAB's Community of Practice - Adult Engagement**
➤ Sarah Clarkson.
➤ Submissions for Q&A Panel.
- 11.20hrs **Briefing to Government - 10 Years of the Care Act 2014**
➤ Speakers: Ruth Goncalves, Alison Lawrence & Eliot Smith.
➤ Submissions for Q&A Panel.
➤ Interactive Menti-Metre Poll.
- 11.45hrs **National SAR Analysis - Domain Outcomes**
➤ Speakers: Paul Hill & Rachel Swain.
➤ Submissions for Q&A Panel.
➤ Interactive Menti-Metre Poll.
- 12.15hrs **Abuse in Later Life - Professor Hannah Bows**
➤ Submissions for Q&A Panel.
- 12.45hrs **Lunch and Networking** (lunch is provided)
- 13.45hrs **Improving and Measuring the Impact of Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs)**
➤ Speakers: Francis Millar and Heidi Gibson.
➤ Jane Bowmer Salford SAB: Essential Guide to SARs.
➤ Submissions for Q&A Panel.
➤ Interactive Menti-Metre Poll.
- 14.30hrs **'Tom's Story' - West Sussex Safeguarding Adults Board**
➤ Introduced by Ru Gunawardana.
- 14.45hrs **Q&A Panel involving Speakers, Hosts and Invited Guests**
- 15.15hrs **Plenary by Co-Hosts**
➤ National Update (Professor Michael Preston-Shoot).
➤ Final call for action for SABs moving forward.
- 15.30hrs **Event Ends** [time for further networking in the venue until 4pm]