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WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 09:30-16:30

Digital Safeguarding Conference

Course outline

Safeguarding in the online space continues to evolve along with technology and how individuals use technology for good or harm.

This year's SACPA digital safeguarding conference promises to bring you the latest developments in policy, research and practice from subject matter specialists in the field. This year there is a particular focus on AI and deep fakes, working with parents, the mobile phone debate and evidence-based recovery programmes for children affected by technology assisted child sexual abuse.



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Wednesday, February 12, 2025

SESSION

09:30 - 10:15 From the Online Safety Act to the Safer Phones Bill

Chair: Dale Wilkins, Executive Director Scotland/Wales and Accredited/Compliance, BSA Group

• Claire Dan, Director of Safeguarding and Director, SACPA

Our keynote speaker reviews the ongoing implementation of the online safety act and why the proposed safer phones bill will contribute to children's wellbeing and safety. Delegates will be up to date with policy direction and have an opportunity to plan for its impact on safeguarding practice.

10:15 - 10:30 **Break**

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10:30 - 11:30 The New Face of Digital Abuse

Chair: Dale Wilkins, Executive Director Scotland/Wales and Accredited/Compliance, BSA Group

• Katie Freeman-Tayler, Head of Research and Policy, Internet Matters

Our speaker describes their work on children's experiences of nude deep fakes. What did children tell us and how can we best support them. Delegates will explore the lived experience of children and have an opportunity to consider how they should respond and support children in a fast-evolving digital world.

11:30 - 11:45 **Break**

SESSION 3

11:45 - 12:30 Safeguarding Leadership in a Digital World: keeping up with developments

 ${\it Chair: Claire \ Dan, \ Director \ of \ Safeguarding \ and \ Director, \ SACPA}$

- Allison Onions, Head of Safeguarding and Mental Health, St George's School Windsor Castle
- Roger Wood, Deputy Head (Pastoral), Papplewick School
- James Brown, Designated Safeguarding Lead, St Louis School of Milan
- Kamelia Johnson, Independent Safeguarding Consultant

Digital safeguarding is moving at such a pace, keeping up with knowledge, understanding and confidence is an ongoing challenge for safeguarding leaders. Our panel of safeguarding leaders discuss the challenges, solutions and best practice initiatives. Delegates will hear how safeguarding leaders respond to the challenges of a fast changing area of safeguarding work and enable children affected by technology use receive equal protection.

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

SESSION

13:30 - 14:30 Working with Parents to promote Online Safety

Chair: Claire Dan, Director of Safeguarding and Director, SACPA

• Karl Hopwood, E-safety Expert

Our speaker explores the importance of connecting with parents to improve online safety. Delegates will consider what works in parent education and how to keep levels of parental awareness high in such a fluid online context.

14:30 - 14:45 **Break**

SESSION 5

14:45- 15:30 Recovering from the Impact of Technology Assisted Child Sexual Abuse (TACSA)

Chair: Bethan Hudson, Executive Director Specialist Services and Director, BAISIS

• Lawrence Jordan, Deputy CEO, Marie Collins Foundation

Our speaker describes their work with child victims of TACSA and how research, trauma informed approaches, and the work of lived experience groups have underpinned evidence-based first response protocols and intervention programmes. Delegates will consider how agencies respond to the discovery of TACSA and how their setting may work with structured and evidence-based recovery resources to support affected children and their families.

15:30 - 15:45 **Break**

SESSION

15:45 - 16:30 A smart phone free childhood: why comms matter

Chair: Claire Dan, Director of Safeguarding and Director, SACPA

Charlotte Ashton, Freelance Journalist and Communications Consultant

Whatever your views about the merits and drawbacks of moving toward a smartphone free childhood, the way that settings communicate their changes in policy matters. Our speaker offers their insights on the journey toward smartphone free childhoods and their professional perspectives on why careful communication of policy change is so important to successful implementation. Delegates will increase knowledge and be better prepared for implementing policy change on the use of smartphones in their settings

16:30

Conference close

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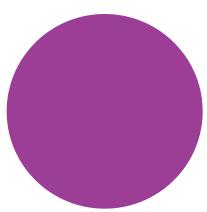
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