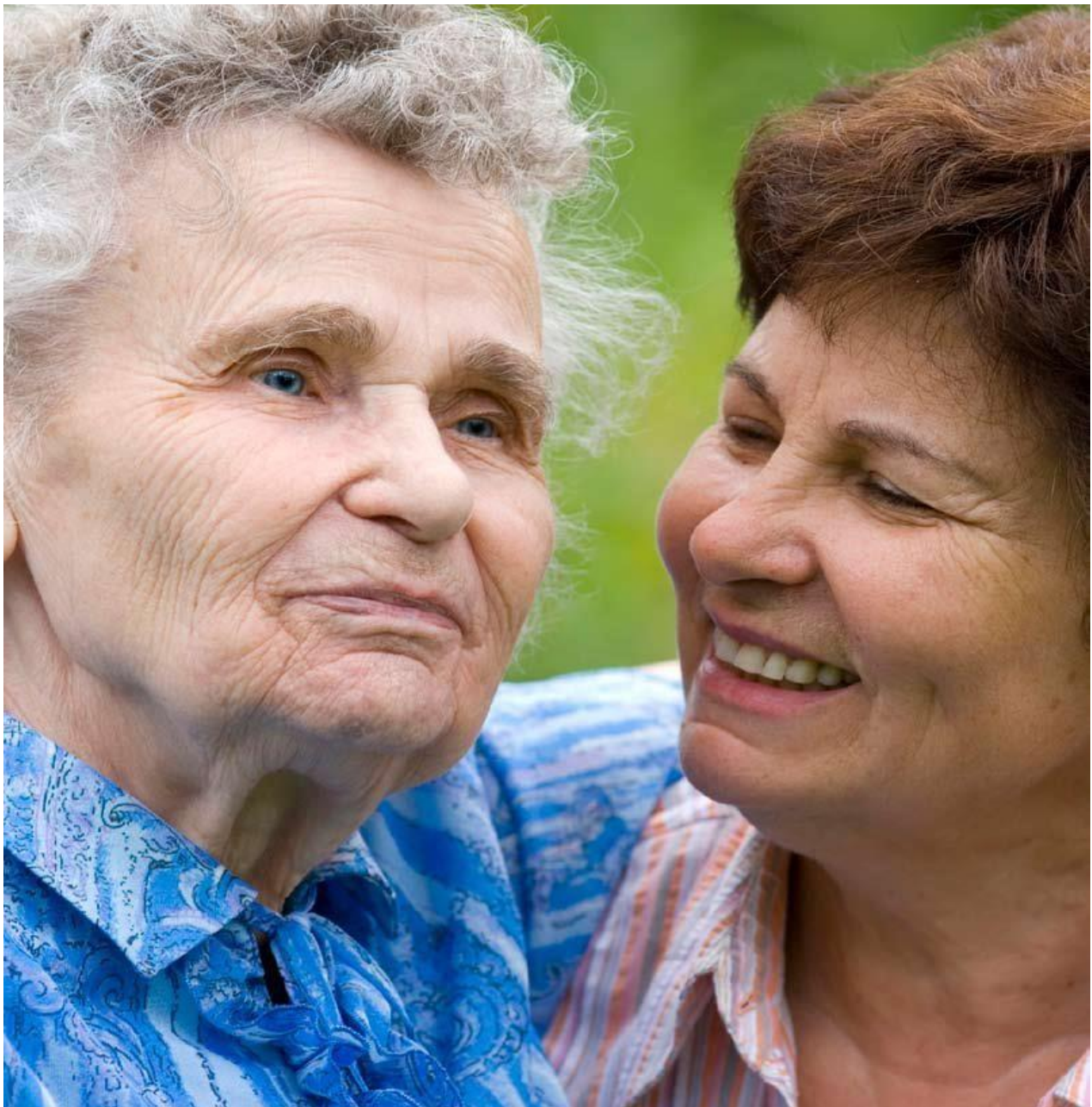


# **ACTION ON ELDER ABUSE – ENGLAND NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**Date – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Venue – ORT House  
126 Albert Street  
London  
NW1 7NE**



# Conference Agenda

09.00 to 09.30		Registration
9.30 to 9.50	Welcome from the Chair of the Conference – <b>Dr John Beer</b>	
9.50 to 10.20	<b>Key note Speaker - Denzil Lush</b> Why Powers of attorney may not be the best route to protection, and what alternatives are there?	
10.20 to 11.00	<b>Dr Joy Shacklock – Safeguarding Lead - Royal College of General Practitioners</b> What is a GP's role in protecting Vulnerable adults? The GP is often in a critical position in terms of being able to trigger adult safeguarding interventions, and certainly older people traditionally perceive them in a unique way. But are we asking too much of the GP role today? It has changed from the days of the family practitioner, with large practices and increased pressure. So, what can we expect?	
11.00 to 11.30	<b>Richard Barnwell – Investigator – Local Government Ombudsman</b> Adult social care complaints to the LGO keep increasing. Last year the Ombudsman received over 3,000 – that's 3% up on the previous year. More than 600 of those were about residential care homes. Last year the Ombudsman upheld 63% complaints about social care. That compares with 53% for all complaint types. For those about residential care homes, 67% were upheld and that's 9% up on the previous year. So, what are the lessons? What needs to change?	
11.30 to 11.45		Coffee
<b>Workstreams</b>		
11.45 to 12.45	1. Workshop	<b>Steve Clay Safeguarding Adult Board Manager - Hull...Making Safeguarding Personal</b> The Making Safeguarding Personal strategy promoted by key agencies including the Department of Health, is the Golden Thread of safeguarding under the Care Act 2014. With no official reports focussing on the experience of victims, this session looks at the challenges of embedding MSP across all agencies and the interface with wider public protection.

	2. Workshop	<p><b>Dr Malcolm Fisk – Senior Research Fellow – De Montfort University</b></p> <p><i>‘Protection or Intrusion? The Use of Cameras and Assistive Technologies in Care Settings’</i></p>
12.45 to 13.45 Lunch		
13.45 to 14.15		<p><b>Tim Spencer-Lane – Lawyer – Public Law Team - Law Commission</b></p> <p><i>‘An overview of the Law Commission’s review of the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards’</i></p> <p>The Law Commission has proved critical in highlighting improvements that are required in Law, and were instrumental in making recommendations in relation to Adult Social Care. More recently they published a report setting out recommendations on Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards, together with a draft Bill. The final report and draft Bill recommends that the DoLS be repealed with pressing urgency and sets out a replacement scheme for the DoLS – called the Liberty Protection Safeguards. In addition the draft Bill makes wider reforms to the Mental Capacity Act which ensure greater safeguards for persons before they are deprived of their liberty.</p>
14.15 to 14.45		<p><b>Christopher King - Principal Trading Standards Officer – Dudley Council</b></p> <p>We know that only a pitiful 0.7% of incidences of elder abuse are prosecuted. We also know that the financial abuse of older people is woefully overlooked. But where there is a will, there is often a way. Earlier this year, Chris successfully prosecuted a cleaner who stole £250,000 from a 93 year-old widower. He tells how he was able to do it.</p>
<b>Workstreams</b>		
14.45 to 15.45	4. Workshop	<p><b>Elaine Aspinwall-Roberts - Senior Lecturer, School of Nursing and Allied Health, Liverpool John Moores University</b></p> <p><i>‘Natural growth or clumsy graft? Does self-neglect ‘fit’ as part of adult safeguarding?’</i></p> <p>Elaine is currently researching multi-agency working with people who self-neglect. In this workshop, Elaine will explore why self-neglect was included as part of safeguarding under the Care Act 2014, and what health and social care professionals understand self-neglect to be. She will consider what this inclusion means for the many different professional groups who might be involved in working with people who self-neglect, and, most importantly, whether it makes any difference for service users.</p>

	<p><b>5. Workshop</b></p>	<p><b>Dr Gillian Dalley – Visiting Research Fellow- Brunel University</b></p> <p>A recent report by Brunel University on the financial abuse of people lacking mental capacity made stark reading, finding that such abuse often takes place in isolation, by trusted carers, friends or family members. It occurs at a significant level and is a pressing social issue which needs further serious consideration in policy and practice terms. The report makes a number of key recommendations which Dr Dalley will explore in depth.</p>
	<p><b>6. Workshop</b></p>	<p><b>Paul Smith – Paul Smith Consultancy</b></p> <p>Paul will be talking about using his skills as a forensic account in conjunction with 25 years experience as a police investigator to highlight the best chance of engaging the police to embark upon a joint safeguarding and criminal investigation. As a previous adult safeguarding investigation coordinator, Paul has first hand knowledge of the evidential requirements needed by the CPS to prosecute offenders.</p>

<p><b>15.45 to 16.00</b></p>	<p><b>Coffee</b></p>
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<p><b>16.00 to 16.30</b></p>	<p><b>Alex Ruck Keene – Barrister – 39 Essex Chambers</b></p> <p><i>‘Vulnerable Adults: an area ripe for reform or a legal minefield?’</i></p> <p>There is a significant cohort of individuals who do not lack capacity for purposes of the Mental Capacity Act 2005 (‘MCA 2005’); are in some way vulnerable to coercion or duress on the part of third parties; and outside the scope of domestic violence legislation. Most, but not all, of these individuals have cognitive or other impairments of different kinds, such as learning disability, autism or Alzheimer’s. Alex recently proposed to the Law Commission that they consider changes to the law to extend adequate protection to people in such situations, and he will outline the rationale and scope of these proposals.</p>
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<p><b>16.30 to 16.40</b></p>	<p><b>Closing Remarks from the Chair of the Conference</b></p>
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