

ONE DAY CONFERENCE

THURSDAY
09
FEBRUARY 2023
09:30-17:00

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. We watch with interest the progress of the online safety bill, seek to learn lessons from some of the tragic consequences of online harm reported in the press in the past year, and continue to develop and implement safeguarding policy and practice in the context of child rights and strengthened requirements in KCSIE22. This year's Sacpa digital safeguarding conference promises to bring you the latest from experts in the field, perspectives on practice, support and resources for prevention and those affected by online harms and progress updates to help you stay ahead of the curve.

Sessions include how online safety is the golden thread of wider safeguarding activity, the latest information about the threats of online child sexual abuse, exploring the consequences of sharing nudes and preventing online harmful sexual behaviour as well as a dip into the opportunities and challenges of the metaverse. Safeguarding practitioners share their responses to the challenges and impacts of safeguarding different groups in the online space and delegates will gain insights into the top three takeaways for 2023/24.

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SESSION

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09:30 – 10:00 **The online safety bill: what does this mean for safeguarding practice?**

Chair: Aileen Kane, COO and Deputy CEO, BSA Group

- The Rt Hon Nadine Dorries MP, former Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

It has been a politically turbulent year in which the online safety bill has been making its progress. Our speakers unpick the debates on the ongoing influences that will shape the final details of the bill, what progress is being made with businesses providing platforms. What this means for families, and organisations working with people who may be vulnerable to online harm. Delegates will take away some key pointers for future challenges and supports to help future-proof and inform their policy and practice around age verification, child rights and the challenge of monetisation of services.

10:00 – 11:00 **Online Safety: The golden thread in safeguarding**

Chair: Aileen Kane, COO and Deputy CEO, BSA Group

- Karl Hopwood, Chair, Sacpa and Founder, Esafety Ltd

As identified in KCSIE, the ever-evolving landscape of e-safety runs through all safeguarding practice. Delegates will have the opportunity to consider the key stands, current themes and points of learning including recent reviews and inquests and the ongoing debate around harmful but legal content and consider how this inter-relates and impacts with all levels of safeguarding and protection activity.

11:00 – 11:30 **Break**

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11:30 – 12:15 **Nudes to child sexual abuse images: prevalence, threats, and awareness of recent developments**

Chair: Claire Dan, Director, SACPA

- Susan Stather, Senior Internet Content Analyst, Internet Watch Foundation

Our speaker reviews the latest information on prevalence, current and emerging threats and recent developments in the fight to identify, disrupt and convict perpetrators of child sexual abuse and exploitation across the internet. Delegates will have the most up to date knowledge on developing themes and responses as well consider the awareness raising resources for parents, carers and children to support their practice.

12:15 – 13:00 **Lunch**

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13:00 – 13:45 **Revealing reality: The unequal experiences and consequences of nude image-sharing by young people**

Chair: Claire Dan, Director, SACPA

- Damon De Ionno, Managing Director, Revealing Reality

Our speaker explores and uncovers the widespread prevalence of sharing nudes and semi-nudes by young people and looks at the latest insights on how children and young people with different characteristics are impacted more frequently and significantly. Delegates will be empowered with evidence-based knowledge that they can take into their PSHE and preventative safeguarding practice.

13:45 – 14:00 **Break**

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14:00 – 15:00 **Supporting young people and preventing online harmful sexual behaviour**

Chair: Claire Scrimgeour, Business Support Executive, BSA Group

- Will Gardner, CEO, Childnet
- Kathryn Tremlett, Harmful Content Manager, SWGfL

Our expert speakers will share their knowledge and perspectives on important preventative education programmes aimed at tackling online harmful sexual behaviour and highlight key support systems for those children and young people who are recovering. Delegates will increase their knowledge of evidence-based programmes that deliver outcomes and practical value.

15:00 – 15:15 **Break**

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15:15 – 16:00 **The opportunities and challenges of the metaverse**

Chair: Claire Dan, Director, SACPA

- Simone Vibert, Head of Policy and Research, Internet Matters
- Alison Alexander, Co-Founder & Director of Ethics & Social Policy and Sacpa Executive Committee

Our speakers explore the opportunities for education and recreation that the metaverse creates. How will we support children and young people using virtual reality to get the best from this ever-evolving technology. Delegates will improve their understanding of the metaverse, enabling informed debates, decisions and pro-active future-proofing of safeguarding and online safety policy and practice to incorporate this evolving area of digital safeguarding.

16:00 – 16:15 **Break**

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16:15 – 16:45 **Lucky boys, perfect girls: the challenges for safeguarding different groups**

Chair: Claire Dan, Director, SACPA

- Alice Vicary-Stott, Director of Safeguarding and DSL, Eton College
- Jen Ryder, Acting Deputy Head (Academic), Designated Safeguarding Lead, Badminton School

In this session speakers highlight key topics of online harm exploring the disproportionate impact on particular groups of children, their identity and the consequences for their wellbeing. Delegates will have the opportunity to consider what else their organisation may put in place to reduce the prevalence of risk online for groups of children disproportionately affected.

16:45 – 17:00 **Top Digital Safeguarding Priorities for 2023**

Chair: Claire Dan, Director, SACPA

- David Wright, SWGfL

In closing our digital safeguarding conference, our speaker reflects on the range and depth of the online safety agenda and focuses our thoughts on practical application highlighting top takeaways for safeguarding practitioners and leaders. Delegates will gain insights into key priorities for action in policy and practice that are critical to continuous development of online safety.

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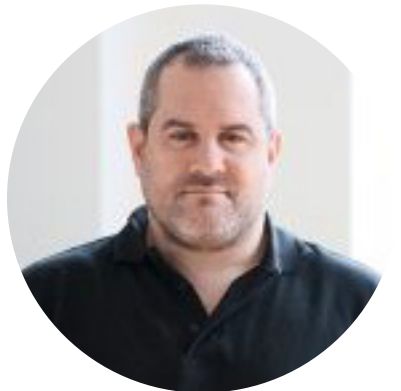
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