

SW7036

Safeguarding Adults at Risk

MA Advanced Social Work (15 credits at level 7)

About this module

This module has been developed to enable professionals in both health and social care settings to develop their knowledge and skills in supporting adults at risk. The introduction of the Care Act 2014 and 'Making Safeguarding Personal', developed by the Local Government Association and the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services, promotes a cultural shift towards outcome-focused, person-centred approaches in how we support adults at risk.

The Care Act 2014 puts safeguarding adults on a statutory footing for the first time and sets out the legal responsibilities for all partner agencies across health and social care in supporting adults at risk. Serious Case Reviews, (now known as Safeguarding Adults Reviews within the Care Act 2014) alongside Serious Untoward Incidents within the NHS have identified that practitioners and organisations need to understand their legal roles and responsibilities in relation to safeguarding adults. This module will develop practitioner confidence enabling them to critically reflect on these changes to ensure that their practice is person-centred, legally literate and informed by current research, legislation and policy. This module will explore key topics in contemporary practice including working with people who self-neglect, 'Making Safeguarding Personal', the legal framework for adult safeguarding (which includes but is not limited to the Care Act 2014).

Who is this module suitable for?

This module is suitable for social workers, nurses and allied health professionals whose role may require them to work with adults at risk.

Aims: This module aims:

- To facilitate a critical understanding of the needs, rights and perspectives of adults at risk, informed by legal and policy frameworks and current research.
- To develop and enhance professional practice in safeguarding adults at risk.

Learning outcomes: On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate an advanced level critique of research, policy, law and practice relating to rights and the protection of adults at risk.
- Analyse and critically appraise decision-making theory relevant to safeguarding adults at risk.
- Demonstrate an ability to draw on relevant theory and research to inform person-centred practice in the context of safeguarding adults.
- Critically examine the ethical dilemmas involved in relation to the complex interface of safeguarding adults legislation, self-neglect and service user autonomy.
- Understand the range of safeguarding adults law (such as the Care Act 2014, Mental Capacity Act 2005, criminal law, service regulation and the inherent jurisdiction of the High Court)
- Critically appraise a range of approaches in working with safeguarding procedures that recognise issues of power and identity within multi-professional decision-making forums.

Curriculum content

- Current research and evidenced based practice relating to the rights and protection of adults at risk.
- Legislation and policy that support adults at risk and their carers.
- Empowerment, advocacy and meaningful involvement of service users and carers with a focus on 'Making Safeguarding Personal'.
- Risk and decision making theory relevant to adults at risk.
- Evaluation of effective practice in multi-professional decision making and practice contexts in relation to safeguarding adults.

How you will learn on this module

This module will build on students' current knowledge and enable them to integrate theory and research to safeguarding practice. The learning will be facilitated through a combination of lectures, seminars, small group discussions and debates, workshop activities and practical exercises. Support material will be available via the University's virtual learning environment, Canvas.

How you will be assessed on this module

To pass this module, students will need to complete a 3000 word critical analysis of a safeguarding case from practice. Within this analysis students will need to apply the learning gained from this module to demonstrate how this may inform and improve their practice going forward. Further guidance will be given once students are enrolled.

On successful completion this module will provide 15 credits at Masters Level.

Dates

October 8th, 9th, 10th 2019

Time – 10am to 4.00pm, all sessions are held at Kingston University, Kingston Hill Campus.

Cost

This module will cost **£850**.

Applying for the module:

You should apply on line at

<http://www.kingston.ac.uk/postgraduate-module/post-qualifying-social-work-modules/>

If you require further details about the module, please contact

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