

# SELF-NEGLECT AWARENESS WEEK

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**Welcome and Opening - Teresa Bell (NSSAB Independent Chair) and Professor Michael Preston-Shoot (Emeritus Professor of Social Work, University of Bedfordshire)**

This opening session for Self-Neglect Awareness Week will be introduced by Teresa Bell, Independent Chair of North Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board who will be joined by Michael Preston Shoot, a leading national authority on Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) and on self-neglect.

Michael is Emeritus Professor of Social Work, University of Bedfordshire and an Independent Safeguarding Consultant. He is Convenor of the National Network for Safeguarding Adult Board (SAB) Chairs and is also the Independent Chair of Greenwich SAB and Somerset SAB.

Teresa Bell joined NSSAB as Independent Chair in September 2022. Teresa was formerly a Director of Adult Social Care & Housing and now carries out commissions as an independent consultant for a range of organisations including the Local Government Association and the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services.

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**Tuesday  
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**Overcoming Barriers - Mandy Gardner (Chief Executive, Voluntary Action North Somerset), Vicky Marriott (Chief Officer, Healthwatch Bristol, North Somerset & South Gloucestershire) and Georgie Bigg (Chair, Healthwatch Bristol, North Somerset & South Gloucestershire)**

**This session will discuss barriers that face organisations working directly with our community and the people with care and support needs living within it.**

**Healthwatch is a little know organisation funded in each Local Authority by the Department of Health and Social Care. We engage the public & listen to their stories of health and care experiences, quality and access**

**VANS is an independent charity that has championed the voluntary sector and volunteering across North Somerset for over 25 years. We represent, develop and empower the voluntary community and social enterprise sector in North Somerset to be at the forefront of positive social change and development.**

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**Self-Neglect and the Mental Capacity Act - Circe Lewis (MCA and DoLS Team Manager, North Somerset Council) and Johnson Koikkara (Senior MCA and DoLS Manager, Integrated Care Board)**

Identifying self-neglect, understanding the legal and practice issues surrounding it and developing a plan to address any concerns can often be challenging and requires a multi-agency approach. This session aims to understand some of the challenges experienced in practice and provide clarity on these issues.

Johnson is a Social Worker and Best Interests Assessor (BIA) and has worked in social care since 2001. He managed the DOLS Service in Bristol City Council for 10 years, prior to joining BNSSG ICB as Senior MCA and DOLS Manager in 2021. He has a Masters in Social Work and an LLM in Mental Health Law.

Circe has been MCA and DoLS Team Manager since early 2022, with a background in social work and as a BIA. She has worked across the southwest since 2009, then gaining a wealth of experience in various capacities, during the last 11 years with North Somerset Council.

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**Multi-Agency Risk Management (MARM) – Claire Kidley (Multi-Agency Risk Management Coordinator, North Somerset Council)**

Multi-Agency Risk Management (MARM) is a process that is active in some other local authorities in England. It has been identified MARM would be beneficial for North Somerset, in order to support people where high levels of risk have been identified and a multi-agency approach would be beneficial. This presentation is designed to introduce the concept of MARM, share what concerns would meet the threshold for MARM, how agencies can refer to MARM and how the MARM process will work in practice.

Claire is a Social Worker and has worked in Adult Social Care since 2020. Prior to that, she worked for a year and a half in Children's Social Care. She is interested in how social care practitioners can better support people who self-neglect and completed a Masters in 'Social Work Research' last year from the University of Bristol with her dissertation focusing on this topic.

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**Trauma Informed Practice** – Claire Ritchie (Trauma Informed Practice Officer, North Somerset Council) and Justine (Special Guest)

Justine has lived experience of complex trauma and schizoaffective disorder which allows her to discuss, from her lived experience perspective, a range of areas such as joining helpful professional curiosity with a trauma informed approach. Justine is a member of the Independent Mental Health Network.

Claire's background is in social work and supporting people sleeping rough. She first heard about Trauma informed care 8 years ago and has been sharing her passion for the topic via training and consultancy ever since. Her role in North Somerset is to build on existing good practice, share learning and co-produce an action plan and training programme.

This session will update you on trauma informed practice happening across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire and our aspirations for 2024/25. We will have a short presentation followed by questions and open discussion.

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