

## **'Five Nations' Adult Support, Protection and Safeguarding Seminar Series,**

A series of free learning and professional development events for 2024

### ***Financial Harm :***

***'Some people rob you with a six gun, some with a fountain pen' (Bob Dylan)***

**Friday, September 13th 10.30-12.30**

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***'Scams : The power of persuasive language and the role of the MCA'***

Professor Keith Brown

***'Stopping economic abuse of older people'***

Colin Scott (Hourglass)

***'Developing a good practice response to Financial Abuse'***

Annmarie O'Connor  
Programme Manager, Safeguarding Ireland

### **Panelists:**

- **Alex Davidson:** Independent Chair, Inverclyde Adult Support and Protection Committee, Argyll and Bute Adult Support and Protection Committee, Orkney Public Protection Committee
- **Bibiana Savin:** CEO, Sage Advocacy



## About the Speakers...

### **Professor Keith Brown was the founding Director of the National Centre for Post Qualifying Social**

Work and Professional Practice and he is an Emeritus Professor at Bournemouth University where the social work department was ranked number 1 in the UK in the 2020 and 2021 Guardian League Table.

In 2005 he was awarded the Linda Ammon memorial prize sponsored by the then Department for education and skills awarded to the individual making the greatest contribution to education and training in the UK. He was awarded a Chartered Trading Standard Institute [CTSI]’ Institutional Hero’ award in 2017 recognising the significance of his research into financial fraud and scams .

He sits on the DHSC safeguarding advisory board , the joint DHSC and MOJ National Mental Capacity Leadership forum and the Home Office Joint Financial task force.

He has written over 35 text books in the fields of social work and leadership and is particularly known for his contributions in the areas of Mental Capacity and Leadership. He has written National guidance on Advance Care Planning , Advance Decisions to Refuse Treatment and the value and use of Lasting Powers of Attorney.

For the past 8 years he has led the National research into fraud and scams on behalf of the National Trading Standards Scams team and the Chartered Trading Standards Institute.

Since his retirement from a full time academic post he has been the Independent Chair of the NHS Safeguarding Adults National Network the Chair of the Worcestershire Safeguarding Adults Board and the Chair of Love Southampton a body that represents a number of food banks and 4 debt advice centres on behalf of the Churches in Southampton. He is also an Ambassador for ‘Faith in Later Life’ and a trustee for the charity AtaLoss providing bereavement support

### **Colin Scott Community Response Co-ordinator, Hourglass, (Scotland and Northern Ireland)**

For the past 4 and a half years, Colin Scott has worked for Hourglass – the only UK-wide charity dedicated to calling time on the harm, abuse and exploitation of older people, and promoting safer ageing for all. Hourglass supports older people (aged 60+) who are at risk of or have experienced some form of harm or abuse, as well as their families, and works alongside statutory and third sector agencies in raising awareness of the issues around abuse of older people, and in tackling this scourge. Colin carries a caseload, trains and supports staff and volunteers, and has considerable knowledge and understanding of the safeguarding and domestic abuse landscapes across the UK (in Scotland and Northern Ireland in particular, where most of his work is focused)."

### **Annmarie O’Connor**

Annmarie is Programme Manager for Safeguarding Ireland and chairs its ‘State Payments Sub-Group’. Annmarie was previously Business Manager with the Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS) and has held senior roles in a number of national charities of social concern. Annmarie was a member of the Consumer Advisory Group in the Central Bank of Ireland (2017-2023) and her areas of interest are financial abuse, digitalisation/payments and the development of good practice approaches to the design and delivery of financial services to ‘adults at risk’. Annmarie has post-graduate degrees and awards in Political Theory, Finance, Digital Transformation in Financial Services, and Creativity and Innovation.

### **About the ‘Five Nations Seminar Series’**

A series of free online seminars on safeguarding and adult protection themes for 2024. This year’s series is being managed by Safeguarding Ireland (<https://www.safeguardingireland.org/about/>), with the support of the Irish Health Service Executive (HSE).

- For more information about the seminars in 2024 including dates for future events see:
- <https://safeguardingireland.org/5nations>
- We hope you will be able to join the ‘Five Nations Seminar Series’, and share this invitation with colleagues.
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