



SAFE Newsletter

1st November 2024

Welcome to our November newsletter

Autumn has truly set in now, the clocks have changed and the leaves have turned some wonderful colours on the trees. Things, however, continue to progress with the SAFE project.

We now have confirmed dates for our arts based workshops in Oldham and Newcastle and there is some more information on page two about how you can help us in recruiting people to take part. Please do encourage people to email or call if they are at all

interested. We are also starting to prepare for interviews that we expect to start in early 2025. More about that in upcoming editions.

We have a steering group meeting in early November and Paul Hine from Made by Mortals will be walking us through how they go about gathering stories and telling them for others to hear. We will have some more on that next month as well.

In this month's edition we also

have a profile of another team member, Dr Carole Southall from Northumbria University.

Our big message this month is all about getting people involved. So, if you know someone who might be interested in our creative workshops, please let them know and we will be more than happy to give them more details and answer any questions they may have.

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Any comments or suggestions, contact: keith.chappell@sunderland.ac.uk

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Getting involved in our workshops

Creative workshops for our first phase of fieldwork in Oldham and Newcastle are now confirmed. The workshops will each involve 6-8 older people with care and support needs and will be led by Paul Hine (Made by Mortals) and Jess Dougherty (our team artist), supported by Sarah Lonbay and Keith Chappell (UoS). The aim of each workshop will be to help participants to explore and express what safety means to them.

This is vital stage of the project and will provide an important background to the next stages of work where we will be looking at people's experiences of safeguarding processes.

Our first workshops will be in **Oldham on 16th and 17th December** and take place at a venue in the centre of Oldham and in central **Newcastle on 22nd and 23rd January**.

We want to get people from as broad a range of experiences as possible involved so please do mention it to as many people as possible.

Criteria for participation are:

- To be over 65, with care and support needs
- To have capacity to give consent

SUPPORT FOR PARTICIPATION

We have funding to help with support needs for participants, to provide interpreters if needed, and to cover costs of travel or other expenses necessary for someone to take part. If people need help booking transport we can also help with that.

We can provide more detailed information sheets for people thinking about taking part and will always be happy to discuss matters over the phone.

If you feel you could help in recruiting participants for Oldham or Newcastle please contact Keith Chappell at:

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Team Profiles

Dr Carole Southall. Assistant Professor in Social Work, Education and Wellbeing. University of Northumbria

Carole Southall is a qualified Social Worker and spent 20 years in practice as a social worker in adult services, an Approved Social Worker under the Mental Health Act 1983 and a team manager in Community Mental Health Services.

Carole has a long standing interest in mental health, mental capacity and adult safeguarding and teaches in these areas at Northumbria University, with a strong focus on the rights of the individual.

Carole is published in children's mental Health and adult social care and her research interests include mental capacity, mental health and adult safeguarding. Carole has been a core member of the SAFE research team since the very beginning of the project and provides support and advice on many aspects of the research.



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Other Team News

New Professor

Since our last newsletter Sarah Lonbay has been made a full professor at the University of Sunderland. Professor Lonbay is now Professor of Social Sciences and Social Care. Many congratulations to Sarah!



Did you know?

The number of people aged 65 years or older worldwide is projected to more than double, rising from 761 million in 2021 to 1.6 billion in 2050. The number of people aged 80 years or older is growing even faster.

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