

Module Specification

Module Summary Information

1	Module Title	Safeguarding Law and Practice
2	Module Credits	20
3	Module Level	7
4	Module Code	SOW7011

5	Module Overview
<p>The module contributes to the overall programme philosophy of producing critically reflective and knowledgeable social work graduates, who are prepared for the reality of contemporary modern social work practice. The module has been designed to provide you with the necessary knowledge of safeguarding practices and legal insight needed to become effective social work practitioners in the complex world of modern social work practice to safeguard and protect vulnerable service users as specified by the Standards of Proficiency, Professional Capability Framework, and Key Indicator Statements. It contributes to the programme aims of pursuing excellence in safeguarding practice, applying legal knowledge to practice, developing your ability to understand the roles of and work in partnership with other agencies and professionals, enhancing your employability and ensuring that your global outlook includes being aware of and learning from international research.</p> <p>This is a core module that builds on the first year law and policy module and aims to consolidate your ability to demonstrate a critical awareness and appraisal of law and policy in various specialisms and apply it to contemporary safeguarding practice. You will extend your approach to human rights principles and legislation, and apply law, case law, policy and practice guidance to a number of key service user groups.</p>	

6	Indicative Content
<p>This is a core module that builds on the first year law and policy module and aims to consolidate your ability to demonstrate a critical awareness and appraisal of law and policy in various specialisms and apply it to contemporary safeguarding practice. You will be applying human rights principles, legislation, case law, policy and practice guidance to a number of key service user groups. You will also be extending your ability to apply law and policy in the context of working with children and families; adults at risk; and in settings involving mental capacity, mental health and youth justice, in order to protect and safeguard service users and carers. You will explore key issues such as information sharing, consent and data protection in safeguarding; working with parents and carers within a safeguarding context; and the complex socio-economic factors and dynamics which impact on the safeguarding of people. Furthermore, you will evaluate the importance of collaborative practice with service users and other professionals and reflect on the potential ethical dilemmas and challenges which this may present in safeguarding practice.</p> <p>Your understanding will be developed through discussion of findings from a range of Serious Case Reviews, Safeguarding Adults Reviews and Inquiry Reports; critical analysis of contemporary safeguarding legislation, policies and practice guidelines; legal report writing; and international research into safeguarding from a global perspective.</p>	

7	Module Learning Outcomes	
	On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:	
	1	Identify, apply and critically analyse the relevant legislative, policy and practice guidance frameworks for safeguarding practice.
	2	Identify and critically analyse the factors which impact upon inter-professional working within a safeguarding context.
	3	Critically examine and apply the theory and practice of risk assessment in social work practice, incorporating anti-oppressive and anti-discriminatory perspectives.
	4	Demonstrate the ability to effectively present a safeguarding scenario in a simulated legal setting and defend the content and professional positions under questioning.

8	Module Assessment		
Learning Outcome			
	Coursework	Exam	In-Person
1 -2	Written Report		
3 -4			Individual Presentation

9	Breakdown Learning and Teaching Activities	
Learning Activities		Hours
Scheduled Learning (SL) includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, peer group learning, Graduate+, as specified in timetable		40
Directed Learning (DL) includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning, as directed on VLE		20
Private Study (PS) includes preparation for exams		140
Total Study Hours:		200