

Seven Minute Safeguarding
September

Safeguarding is
everyone's
responsibility.

Please speak to the **Designated Safeguarding Lead (Ben Teasdale)**
or **Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (Mary Arthur)**
immediately with any concerns.
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Background

Being professionally curious is fundamental to how we work with children, young people, their families and adults with care and support needs, and other professionals. To work alongside people, we need to understand their perspectives and lived experiences so that we can support them to achieve their full potential.

What does this person need?

What is the person trying to tell you? How do they look? How are they acting? What behaviours are they demonstrating? What non-verbal cues are they demonstrating? How is the tone of their voice? How are they communicating with others around them?

If in doubt, shout!

Record accurately

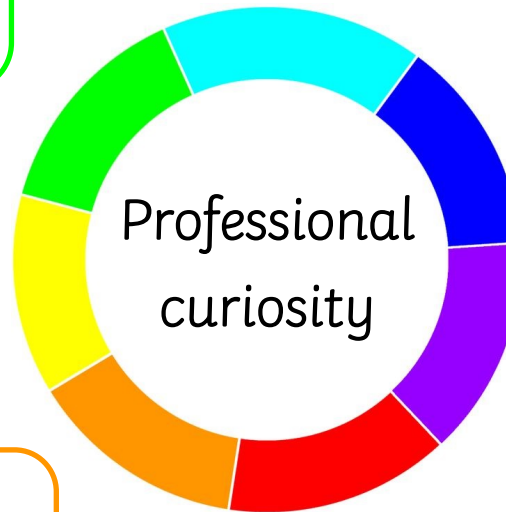
Share with DSL (Ben) or DDSL (Mary)

What can I do?

Be open-minded, don't take everything at face value

Think the unthinkable

Never assume



What is Professional Curiosity?

Professional curiosity is where a practitioner seeks to explore and understand what is happening in someone's life, rather than making assumptions or accepting what they are told at face value. It involves looking out for signs that things are not right and seeking out the evidence of what is really happening. It is a combination of looking, listening, asking direct questions, checking out and reflecting on ALL the information you receive.

It could happen here!

Thinking the unthinkable isn't about assuming the worst, it is considering all possibilities. Keep an open mind and be able to think objectively about the evidence presented, and if it changes over time. Be prepared to accept information that does not fit with previous assumptions and assessments.

Disguised compliance

The NSPCC define disguised compliance as 'a parent or carer giving the appearance of co-operating with child welfare agencies to avoid raising suspicions, to allay professional concerns and ultimately to diffuse professional intervention.'