Throughout March, we are supporting the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Boards’ Awareness Month which we will play an active part in.

It is a great opportunity to highlight our important role in safeguarding vulnerable children and adults and to show best practice by staff and partners.

Safeguarding is all about protecting the most vulnerable people in our communities. We work to ensure that all children in Cambridgeshire are safe and find the best option to ensure this is the case.

If a child isn’t safe at home we work with the family to create a safe home environment or to find out if there other people close to the child who can help and support them. Taking a child away from their families is always a last resort.

Our teams also work with older people, people with learning disabilities, physical disabilities and other vulnerable adults to ensure that they are as safe and healthy as they can be. Staff focus on working with the adult at risk to ensure that they have a positive support network around them or help them to build this if it is not the case.

During this month we will also be supporting Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Day which is on Sunday, March 18, part of the Government campaign ‘Together, we can tackle child abuse’. The campaign is encouraging members of the public to help protect children and young people by reporting any concerns of abuse or neglect to their local council, NSPCC or the police.

Our Principal Social Workers Anna Cullen and Helen Duncan will be speaking at a conference at Anglia Ruskin University for World Social Work Day on March 20. The event is open to all students and social workers. Read more here.

Keeping up to date with the best ways to keep people safe is a key priority for our safeguarding teams and we organise regular training and support for our staff and partners.

We take our safeguarding responsibilities very seriously and are committed to dealing with all aspects of abuse. To report a safeguarding concern or for more information, visit https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/children-s-social-care/safeguarding-children-and-
Follow us on Twitter @cambscc and Facebook/cambridgeshirecc for updates during this month on Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Boards’ Awareness Month.