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Ophelia Mac-Kwashie studied Sociology, Sociology of Law and Anthropology at Stockholm's University in Sweden and entered the field of social work end of 1998 when she began working at a Youth facility for. From there she became a Case worker and has been working as investigator since then. Over the years, Ophelia has attended and completed several training courses in relation to Child Protection. Ophelia has also worked as interim Practice Leader but feels most passionate in the direct work with the Practice leaders and the families. Ophelia has now 25 years of experience in the child protection field in Sweden and has for the past 14 years been working as Independent Social Worker and takes on difficult cases around the country. As a Social Worker of Ghanaian origin, Ophelia is very familiar with the treatment Black and marginalized and marginalized groups receive by the Child Protection Services in Sweden.

Ophelia was trained in Signs of Safety in September 2001 and has been working with the approach since then. Today, Ophelia is the Signs of Safety Licensed holder in Elia, Home of Signs of Safety, who has the longest experience with the approach. This gives Ophelia a unique insight and knowledge of how Signs of Safety has evolved over the years. Ophelia continues to support organisations who wants to implement the approach alongside her work as Child Protection Worker. Ophelia finds it edifying and enjoyable to combine these two roles. Ophelia thinks the role as case worker keeps her grounded in the practice and

can easily understand the different situations workers find themselves in in the direct work with families. Thus, her continues work to also support Practice Leaders to give the front-line workers the support and guidance they need so that they can be the best they can.

Ophelia is since October 2022 Board member of Elia -Home of Signs of Safety. and became the Chair October 2023. One of the Board's main responsibilities is to advise the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) on all matters concerning the development of Signs of Safety, associated products, services, and projects.