



Safeguarding News
April 2024

The **Methodist Church**
East Anglia

Firstly Happy Easter to you all. As I write this, I am a week removed from returning from the Methodist Safeguarding Conference. This was over 3 days and was truly a very interesting event where I got to meet colleagues and friends from across the Country. The topic that we explored was “The Complex boundaries of safeguarding” looking in particular at some of those grey areas that we might question, “Is this a Safeguarding matter?”. The truth is it is not always clear. What is almost always clear when we have this thought however is that someone needs to look at it, or something needs to be done however small this action might be. There is great crossover between Safeguarding and many other things, be it EDI, Bullying, Complaints, or Working together more positively, and these are all areas where I work closely with and give some insight to as they do to me. If the lens of Safeguarding is cast over a situation, and it is signposted in another direction this is fair, right and proper, and it may be that it fits into more than one strand. My advice as always is if you are ever unsure, don't ignore it, please just ask.

With best wishes,

Neil

Safeguarding Forum May 2024

The 3rd Safeguarding forum of the year is diarised for Monday May 13th at 7pm where we will spend 45 mins looking at Part 3 of the God Welcomes All study guide followed by an open floor discussion of anything people wish to raise.

Link to register for Zoom is below

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUrduChriogG9QhK8_AUViz1tTZGISVO13!



District Safeguarding Group (DSG): WANTED: Interested parties to become New Members!

The District Safeguarding Group is made up of a representative selection of people from different roles in the church and professionals from outside agencies. The role is strategic, overseeing Safeguarding in the District and reporting to the District Policy Committee. For more about District Safeguarding Group see Appendix 8 of the Safeguarding policy

https://d1yuutt686hfi0.cloudfront.net/media/documents/safeguarding_policy_and_procedures_for_the_methodist_church_in-britain_july_20_FdKXANA.pdf

If you have an interest in safeguarding from a present or previous professional role, have been involved in the voluntary sector with safeguarding or have other relevant experience which you think would enable you to contribute to this work, please get in touch with [me](#). The District Safeguarding Group meet 4 times for standard meetings and one Development Day each year.

A new Methodist Church website has been launched, designed for individuals exploring faith and seeking to deepen their spiritual journey. The site features a contemporary, user-friendly design, improved functionality, and easy access to essential resources to assist visitors in their exploration of faith. The website is available at the normal address, methodist.org.uk, and you can read a short news release about the launch.

Whilst the website was launched on Tuesday 19 March, we wanted to take a moment to apologise to people who were not made aware of the change. We understand that this change could have been surprising, confusing and also frustrating for many and want to address that. We are sorry if this negatively affected you and hope that the updates we are currently making will help your navigation and use of the new website. We want to hear about any issues you may be experiencing, so please use the Share feedback button at the bottom of every page to pass on any problems you encounter.

We want the website to be a place that Methodists can use to help share the good news, so we are very happy to hear how we can improve things. Thank you for your patience as we take things forward.

[Methodist Church Connexional Website](#)

Don't forget to visit the [Safeguarding pages](#) of the District website for training dates and further information.