

Foundation Module Train The Trainers Course – 22nd April

Its not too late!!!

As mentioned in recent newsletters we are currently seeking out Foundation Module Trainers for each Circuit.

There is a Train The Trainer course on Wednesday 22nd April at Soham Methodist Church running from 1030am until 3pm. If you have completed Advanced Module Safeguarding and would be interested in completing this course and having a conversation about becoming a trainer please contact me via vanhollandn@methodistchurch.org.uk

Can I start by wishing everyone a Happy Easter whether you are reading this before the weekend or after. It has been a busy period of training, and I recently spent 3 days away at the Connexional Safeguarding Conference which was an informative few days during which we focused on how we can be Trauma Informed in all of our safeguarding practices. I have been made aware of a couple of emails recently going to my old district email address, so just a reminder that my new email address is vanhollandn@methodistchurch.org.uk

Best wishes

Neil

DBS applications update

I logged into DDC in the first week of April and it appears that DDC have streamlined the process somewhat so just to make all of you that complete DBS applications aware. If the applicant provides a passport and driving licence as their documents they fulfil the requirements of both identity and address with those two Group 1 documents. As such the system no longer requires a third document as it has previously done.

Working Together to Safeguard Children 2026 (UK Government – March 2026)



Working Together to Safeguard Children 2026

A guide to multi-agency working to help, protect and promote the welfare of children

March 2026

An updated Working Together to Safeguard Children was published last week, building on the 2023 revision and introducing significant changes to how agencies work together. The guidance strengthens expectations around anti-discriminatory and anti-racist practice, and expands its scope to explicitly include kinship care, adopted, looked-after and unborn children.

It also reinforces the need to consider the wider family context, recognising the impact of parental circumstances on siblings and other children.

Alongside this, there is greater emphasis on harms such as coercive control, child sexual abuse and teenage relationship abuse.

You can download the new version here: [Working Together to Safeguard Children \(March 2026\)](#)

Video: Working Together to Safeguard Children

There is a helpful short (10-minute) video here on the key changes to children and families support and services: [Working Together to Safeguard Children - March 2026.mp4 - WebinarGeek](#) It is designed for schools but nevertheless covers the key changes, one of them, around Family Support, is a major shift in how statutory services are going to be organised.

[Download the slides used in the video here](#)