

Advanced Module Gathered sessions

We are pleased to announce we have just listed several new dates for Advanced Module Gathered sessions. Please do book on and you will then receive the details to complete the Online MCBX section in advance of these gathered sessions.

[Advanced Module Online Monday 14th September 2026 6-8pm Tickets, Monday 14 September • 6 PM - 8 PM GMT+1 | Eventbrite](#)

[Advanced Module Online Wednesday 11th November 2026 10am-12noon Tickets, Wednesday 11 November • 10 AM - 12 PM GMT | Eventbrite](#)

[Advanced Module Online Thursday 3rd December 2026 1pm- 3pm Tickets, Thursday 3 December • 1 PM - 3 PM GMT | Eventbrite](#)

Firstly I hope everyone has had a good summer thus far despite the high temperatures. As I type I think particularly of those friends in the East Suffolk area as I see the news of the wildfires at Dunwich Heath. Alongside my aligned Learning Network Colleagues we have been considering how we can meet the training needs of the District in the next 6 months, and as you will see alongside this message we have some new Online Advanced Module dates announced. I am particularly appreciative of those people within our circuits who have stepped forward to lead Foundation Module sessions this calendar year. If you have a Foundation Module Training demand please contact your Circuit Safeguarding Officer in the first instance. As we reach a year on since the changes in the Connexional Safeguarding service just another reminder of my email address if you need to reach me vanhollandn@methodistchurch.org.uk

Best wishes
Neil

Important DBS change for working with children from 1 September 2026

The Crime and Policing Act 2026 is changing the definition of Regulated Activity relating to Children. From 1st September 2026, the 'supervision clause' is being removed from legislation which means that sufficient supervision by someone else in regulated activity with children will no longer be a factor when determining whether certain activities are regulated activity.

Who is affected?

- **Outside of Regulated Childcare Settings:** Volunteers and paid staff who teach, instruct, train, care for or supervise children at least once a week, or more or 4+ times in any 30 day period, or overnight (2am-6am), will be in Regulated Activity regardless of whether they are supervised.

When the change comes into force a new check may be required for some of our volunteers.

'Love Protects': Spread the word about Safeguarding Sunday -15 November 2026

The campaign for 2026 is now live

The day itself is November 15th to tie in with Adult Safeguarding Week. But churches tell us they like a lot of notice, so if you're able to share this as soon as possible, that would be really helpful.

The theme this year is 'Love Protects' ([read this blog for more info on the theme](#)). The aim is to encourage churches to understand that in its simplest terms, safeguarding is the protection of those in our care. The theme comes from 1 Corinthians 13, where we're told that love protects. We want churches to understand that safeguarding isn't an external pressure or just another 'thing to do', it's an act of love. And of course, love is central to our faith.

Please share the attached [brief document](#) with your networks