



Safeguarding News  
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The **Methodist Church**  
East Anglia

So as the Summer of 2025 draws closer I have had several conversations recently about the use of AI (Artificial Intelligence), and the benefits it can bring. We must however balance this with some caution. As with everything else that is developed through generations, progress requires discernment, and the requirement for us to at times question what seems real. I had a personal experience with this recently that involved Youtube, and my children. "Dad, look at this, Eminem and Rihanna have done a Christian song together". What it turned out to be was a song featuring various moving imagery of the two artists but with AI cloned voices, rather than an officially released collaboration.

Not for the first time it led to me having that conversation with them that not everything you see or hear whether internet based or not is true. This reiterates to me how we must continue not to take everything at face value, and that it is perfectly OK to think what if, or change our vantage point of a situation to discern without being accused of being suspicious of everything.

With best wishes,

*Neil*

## **Safeguarding Forum \*\*Final Registration call\*\* – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May from 7pm to 9pm on Zoom**

Time is running out to register. Please use the link below to book on  
<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/vSVBGCARTHac3GDhKOhUlW>

I am really pleased that Neil Hutchinson (from Northamptonshire district) and our very own Vivien Almond are going to be delivering a session centred around Bystander Intervention, talking through the positive impact of how we can all proactively safeguard, and the impact if we perhaps don't.

### **\*\*Saturday Morning Advanced Module Gathered session – Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup> June\*\***

To those patiently waiting for an Advanced Module session at the weekend, we have an Advanced Module Gathered Session in the diary 10am-12noon on Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup>. If you sign up in May that should give plenty of time to do the MCBX pre course work. Booking link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/advanced-module-online-saturday-june-21st-2025-at-10am-12noon-tickets-1333880003999?aff=oddtcreator>

## **Safeguarding Sunday 2025 is on 16 November 2025 - Save the Date**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**THE NEXT SAFEGUARDING  
SUNDAY IS 16TH NOV 2025**

Safeguarding Sunday 2025 is on **16 November 2025** – Save the Date and Register now – New resources coming summer 2025.

[Safeguarding Sunday](#)

## **New Leaflets from DBS on regulated activity with adults and children in England and Wales**

The DBS have amalgamated the separate leaflets on regulated activity in England and Wales, and uploaded the new leaflets to the [DBS guidance leaflets - GOV.UK](#) webpage:

- 1) [Regulated activity with adults in England and Wales \(English\) pdf](#)
- 2) [Regulated activity with children in England and Wales \(English\) pdf](#)