



## Welcome to the December Safeguarding News!

May I start by wishing you all a Happy Christmas, and best wishes for 2024. There are so many people out there who have done so much great work through 2023 to support and promote safeguarding, and I thank you for everything you do across the District.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Safeguarding Training Administrator Sarah Young to the District who has started this week. I hope you give her the same warm welcome that you have kindly given me, and we will soon be putting some new dates and venues in the diary for both Foundation and Advanced Modules in the Spring.

If you have queries about training, please do contact Sarah: [SafeguardingAdmin@eangliamethodist.org.uk](mailto:SafeguardingAdmin@eangliamethodist.org.uk)

Best wishes *Neil*

### Safeguarding Forums Returning

The next Safeguarding Forum is on Monday January 8<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 7pm, on Zoom.

Please register to attend and the link will be sent automatically.

Register at <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUqd--trzsGdNS3okjuWiypEQCCr6fDoIT>

The Forum is open to anyone, whatever your role or interest in Safeguarding.

We will be starting this year by delving into the "God Welcomes All" Methodist Study guide. It will continue to be a great way of sharing updates, news and an opportunity to ask questions and share experiences.

If there are any areas/topics within Safeguarding you would like to look at in more detail going forward feel free to contact me with suggestions.



### Important change to Volunteer Application forms and Confidential Declaration forms

A single, more streamlined Volunteer Application form has been created by the Connexional Safeguarding Team and is now available on the Safer Recruitment page of the Methodist Church website [here](#). This form must now be completed by all prospective volunteers, whether or not the role they are applying for meets the criteria for an Enhanced DBS certificate. This single form now also incorporates the Safeguarding Declaration within it along with the Privacy Notice, which also must be completed by all applicants regardless of role.

The carol from our Methodist Christmas film *Out of the Ordinary* is to be released tomorrow, Friday morning. *Be Born* is a rearrangement of 'O Little Town of Bethlehem' and is sung by the talented Izzy Wellings, a young Methodist from Cornwall.

[Be Born \(O Little Town of Bethlehem\)](#)

### My Concern

The National Case Management System (NCMS) has now gone live. The system is called My Concern and our provider is The Safeguarding Company. Files from the existing Access Connexional Safeguarding database have been transferred over, and casework supervisors will be working with DSOs over the next few months on their records.

