

Safer Recruitment Policy

The Safer Recruitment Policy has been amended to include clearer portability guidance and is available on the website at [Safer Recruitment Policy and Practice Guidance \(methodist.org.uk\)](https://www.methodist.org.uk/safer-recruitment-policy-and-practice-guidance)

Portability means using a criminal record check obtained in one role for a different role, sometimes with a different employer or organisation. There can be some portability of a criminal record check within the Methodist Church in Britain. See section 4.8 of the policy for the updated guidance and Appendix E for the flow charts.



May I take this opportunity to thank you for all your support and hard work through the past year and wish you and your families, a very happy Christmas and a safe and blessed New Year.

Safeguarding Training

One noticeable change over the last year has been the way training has become embedded in our churches and the accessibility of training has been developed according to need. All bookings for face to face and online sessions are being made through the District webpages and all the related documents are available there as well. Thank you to all who have promoted this.

Credit must be given to Lynne Youngs, the Safeguarding Administrator, who is keeping the bookings, administration of sessions and records up to date. Thank you, Lynne!

If you have queries about training, please do contact Lynne: SafeguardingAdmin@eangliamethodist.org.uk

The new Advanced Module 2023 is being released at the beginning of next year and we will be piloting it at the North Walsham session on February 10th. This means that when your AM is due for renewal, there will be some different material in the course.



Dementia Friendly Churches

Dementia Friendly Churches webpage

Look at the new Dementia Friendly Churches webpage [Dementia Friendly Churches](#) on the safeguarding website for:

- a link to our 'Making Our Churches More Dementia Friendly' webinar, packed with useful ideas
- Information on 'Memory Worship' at Wesley Methodist Church in Leigh-on-Sea,
- a list of useful websites
- a recommended reading list and
- a list of frequently asked questions

Safeguarding Forum

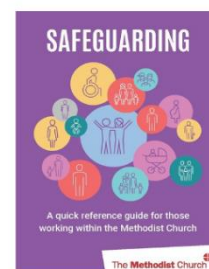
The next Safeguarding Forum is on January 9th at 7pm, on Zoom.

Please register to attend and the link will be sent automatically. Register [here](#).

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

Amongst updates and news and an opportunity to ask questions and share experiences, we will be considering the issue of elder abuse, Predatory Marriage and Scams and Doorstep Crimes.

Sounds like an interesting evening?
Book a place!



Safeguarding Quick Reference Cards

These have been updated and are available from Methodist Publishing (in packs of 10)

It has been encouraging to hear about all the **Warm Space** initiatives in the District. Thank you to all who have already sent copies of their Risk Assessments to me! Don't forget the helpful resources, including a videos and advice on how to set up a warm space. [Click here to learn more.](#)

[Contact Jane](#)

