



Safeguarding News
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The **Methodist Church**
East Anglia

Hello all, My name is Neil van Holland and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you all as the new District Safeguarding Officer for the Methodist Church in East Anglia. I was blessed to have the opportunity to meet some of you at Spring Synod, and I am excited to meet and work alongside many more over the next weeks and months as I venture out across the District to build relationships and continue to promote the importance of Safeguarding across our Churches.

I use the word "continue" very specifically as what has become truly clear to me through my application and interview process, and subsequently meeting and working alongside Jane, is what positive and great work she has done for safeguarding across the circuits with your help.

My background has been in policing across the last 19 years, both as a Police officer, and Police staff member. My roles having been diverse from local community policing, to intelligence and surveillance, through to my last 8 years as a Public protection Officer. Safeguarding has been a key work area throughout, but never more than in these last 8 years, managing and supporting high risk offenders.

With best wishes,

Neil

Advance Module Training

Online

[Wednesday 7th June 2.00 pm](#)

[Thursday 13th July at 2.00 pm](#)

For further information about Advanced Module Safeguarding Training please go to the link on the District Safeguarding page;

<https://eangliamethodist.org.uk/safeguarding/training-advanced>

Face to Face

[Wednesday 10th May, King's Lynn Methodist Church - 9.30am - 1.30pm](#)

[Monday 24th July, Haslingfield Methodist Church, Cambridge - 9.30am - 1.30pm](#)

Foundation Module Training

Online

Wednesday 17th May 2023 10.00am - 12:45pm

Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/630671233637>

Tuesday 20th June 2023 6:30pm - 9:15pm

Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/630675977827>

Wednesday, 19th July 2023 2:00pm - 4:45pm

Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/630678866467>

Domestic Abuse: Coercive Control Podcast

The Domestic Abuse: Coercive control podcase has been uploaded to the [Podcasts \(methodist.org.uk\)](https://methodist.org.uk/podcasts) page of the Church's safeguarding website:

In the podcast, Nicola Graham- Kevan talks with DSOs Chris Lewis and Pauline Jackson, about coercive control in family relationships, shares her own experience in an abusive relationship and discusses her extensive research into the subject. She also touches on child to parent aggression and the link to authoritarian parenting styles.

Having watched this myself there are some really interesting observations and takeaways within the Podcast if you are part of a Monitoring and support group