

Nottingham and Derby District Safeguarding Bulletin Autumn 2024



Dear Friends,

Below is the latest news from the District and the Connexion.

How to contact the District Safeguarding Officer, Rosie Clements



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NEWS FROM THE CONNEXION

NEW GUIDANCE FOR PASTORAL VISITORS

The new, and long awaited, guidance documents for pastoral visitors are now on the website, in the Policies and Procedures section: [Policies and guidance - Methodist Church](#)

The materials consist of 2 downloadable documents:

- Pastoral Care Guidance for pastoral visitors: [Pastoral Care Guidance August 2024](#)
- Safeguarding and Pastoral Care for ministers and those who have a leadership role in pastoral care within the Methodist Church: [Safeguarding and Pastoral Care August 2024](#)

The 'Pastoral Care Guidance' document covers topics such as good practice, support and keeping yourself safe, confidentiality and record keeping. The 'Safeguarding and Pastoral Care' document also looks at safer recruitment and different roles which pastoral visitors may have.

Please note that these documents give general guidance; they note that '*Pastoral care is understood and expressed in different ways in different places ...*' It is therefore not possible to produce a booklet which can answer every question about the way each church arranges its pastoral support.

Christine Kennedy, Safeguarding Casework Supervisor

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT



My name is Rosie Clements, and I am the new District Safeguarding Officer. I join the district team from an education background, having worked for nearly 20 years as a primary school teacher. I have acted as church safeguarding officer in the past for the Methodist URC LEP that I attend.

Outside of work, I love working on my allotment, where my joy is growing an array of fruit, veg and cutting flowers. I love to be outdoors and reading (preferably together!) To relax, I play the piano and have recently joined my local brass band on the euphonium.

I am looking forward to growing in this role, and further embedding the culture of safeguarding which is already such an integral part of the district.



If you need to contact me, the phone number and email address are the same, despite the change of staff. You can get in touch on 07434 284633 or districtsafeguarding@methodist-nd.org.uk Please don't forget to update your safeguarding noticeboard so people know who contact.

I have received such a warm welcome since taking up this post, and I look forward to meeting and working with you all.

ZOOM CATCH-UP WITH CHURCH & CIRCUIT SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

Wednesday 27th November 7.00 – 8.30pm

This will be another opportunity for us to share with each other the good things around safeguarding that are happening across the District, to listen to the concerns that people have at church and circuit level, and to work together to hopefully find answers to some of the problems. The zoom link for the meeting will be sent out nearer the time to circuit safeguarding officers. If you are unable to join the meeting on the day but have anything in particular that you would like to raise for discussion, contact Rosie F (admin) so that it can be added to the agenda. Please encourage as many of your church safeguarding officers as possible to attend.

ADVANCED MODULE SAFEGUARDING TRAINING 2024/25

The training dates and venues are now available

Online sessions

Tuesday 3 rd December	10:00-12:00	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1047785443467
Tuesday 3 rd December	19:00-21:00	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1047797690097
Wednesday 15 th January	10:00-12:00	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1047806727127
Wednesday 15 th January	19:00-21:00	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1047810337927
Monday 24 th March	10:00-12:00	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1047811481347
Monday 24 th March	19:00-21:00	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1047812935697
Thursday 12 th June	10:00-12:00	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1047814560557
Thursday 12 th June	19:00-21:00	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1047815824337

Face to Face sessions

Saturday 16 th November	10:00-14:00	Bingham Methodist Church NG13 8AE https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1047822484257
Saturday 15 th March	10:00-14:00	Stonebroom Methodist Church DE55 6JT https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1047828462137
Saturday 10 th May	10:00-14:00	Brailsford Methodist Church DE6 3DA https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1047834590467
Saturday 19 th July	10:00-14:00	Beeston Methodist Church NG9 1EH https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1047839545287



NEWS FROM THE DSG (DISTRICT SAFEGUARDING GROUP)

DISTRICT SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE 2025

SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY 7TH JUNE 2025

We will be able to confirm with you the theme, venue and timings for the day by the middle of November. Thank you to those people who have suggested possible themes. We will be taking those, and the feedback from last year's conference, into consideration when we agree the 2025 theme.

DISTRICT RECOMMENDED POLICY FOR LOCAL CHURCHES

A copy of the 2024-25 updated version of the policy for local churches is now available to download from the District website. A reminder that the first 7 pages form the policy itself, followed by the A-Z of useful guidance. Changes to last year's policy are identified in green.

[Safeguarding Hub – Nottingham & Derby Methodist District \(methodist-nd.org.uk\)](https://methodist-nd.org.uk)

GOOD NEWS FROM THE CIRCUITS/CHURCHES

We would love to be able to share examples of good safeguarding practice from across the District. Please email Rosie F padistrictsafeguarding@methodist-nd.org.uk with any stories that you have which demonstrate how we are committed to making our churches and circuits safer spaces for all.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

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