



The Methodist Church

Yorkshire West District

District Safeguarding Newsletter

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The aim of our Safeguarding Newsletters is to provide you with the latest information relating to best practice within safeguarding, update you with any changes in policy and provide you with information regarding training opportunities. Please circulate via email to as many people as you can around your Circuit and feel free to display a copy on your church safeguarding notice board.

Occasionally we will write articles about specific safeguarding issues, if there is anything you would like to see contained within the Newsletter or have any feedback/questions about what we have written please contact District Safeguarding Officer Katy Spencer-Madden at katyspencermadden@gmail.com

The new Advanced Safeguarding Module (previously known as the Leadership Module)

This course will be delivered throughout six different Circuits this upcoming Connexional year. Please book on a course in ANY Circuit that is convenient for you.

Who should attend?

- Circuit Safeguarding Officer/Coordinator
- Members of the District Safeguarding Group
- Members of the District Policy Committee
- All Presbyters or Deacons with active preaching or pastoral ministry, including those Supernumerary ministers who have pastoral care of a church
- Those who are in paid employment or a voluntary role which includes leadership within the Methodist Church; which involves direct work with children, youth or vulnerable adults.
- Lay persons who are appointed to exercise pastoral leadership within a local church
- Local Preachers
- Worship Leaders
- Church Safeguarding Officer/Coordinator

Why are Local Preachers and Worship Leaders now required to attend?

The list of those required to do the new Advanced Creating Safer Space Module includes Local Preachers and Worship Leaders. This was not, of course, the case with the predecessor Leadership course and we have had queries about the reason for this change. The change emanates from a Conference decision and was influenced by a number of factors. Firstly, following the Past Cases Review, we have become increasingly aware of those within our church communities who are survivors of abuse perpetrated either within a church setting or elsewhere. The new course allows leaders of worship to consider the meaning which some common elements of worship and language might have for those who have experienced abuse, and to explore different approaches. It provides space for reflection on theological concepts such as repentance and forgiveness which currently often lead to disagreements within church fellowships. Finally, it is an acknowledgement that Local Preachers and Worship Leaders are perceived by congregations as figures of authority in whom the wider church reposes confidence. It is vital that those in these roles have up to date knowledge of safeguarding and how to respond to allegations and disclosures.



Creating Safer Space Advanced Module

Please book on a course through District Safeguarding Officer Katy Spencer-Madden, katyspencermadden@gmail.com, 07771960455. For all the Advanced Module Courses, arrival and registration is from 10am with a 10.30am start and finish at 4pm.

Huddersfield Circuit

Wednesday 19th September 2018 – Dalton St Paul's Methodist Church – **NEARLY FULL**
Saturday 22nd September 2018 – Dalton St Paul's Methodist Church

Leeds South and West Circuit

Thursday 15th November 2018 – Trinity Methodist Church, Bramley
Saturday 17th November 2018 – Trinity Methodist Church, Bramley

Calderdale Circuit

Friday 18th January 2019 – Northowram Methodist Church, Halifax – **NEARLY FULL**
Saturday 19th January 2019 – Northowram Methodist Church, Halifax

Bradford South Circuit

Wednesday 13th March 2019 – Aldersgate Methodist Church
Saturday 16th March 2019 – Aldersgate Methodist Church

Airedale Circuit

Monday 13th May 2019 – Oakworth Methodist Church
Saturday 18th May 2019 – Silsden Methodist Church

Skipton and Grassington Circuit

Wednesday 10th July 2019 – St Andrew's Church, Skipton
Saturday 13th July 2019 – Trinity Methodist Church, Skipton

Training the Trainers

If you are thinking about becoming a trainer to help deliver the Foundation and Refresher Safeguarding Modules within your Circuit, please talk to your Circuit Safeguarding Officer about attending the course below.

Saturday 6th October 2018, Dalton St Paul's Methodist Church, Huddersfield.

Arrive and registration from 10am, start at 10.30am until 2.30pm.

An example of keeping track of training and DBS checks for use in either Circuits or Churches

An outline of the process for tracking training and DBS checks in the Aire and Calder Circuit.

Background and Process

We have 31 churches, 29 lay CSLOs (Minister doing CSLO role in 2), 680 people with roles, 2 CSOs (neither full time employed). Circuit administrator also assists.

Each CSLO has a named CSO/administrator contact.

Excel software (file is password protected) is used to keep records. (This was chosen rather than a true database program for ease of use- the filter function is useful).

CSOs keep records for all churches and periodically send paper copies of same to CSLOs for them to update personnel and their roles. This paper is returned to CSO for electronic update.

CSOs organise training with benefit of 9 trainers. Personalised invitations to target individuals in each church sent to CSLO using mail merge/ word. Attendance records are used to update the Excel file.

No CSOs are verifiers- though we have 4 lay verifiers in the circuit alongside 13 ministers. CSOs have access to the DDC system to track what DBS have been completed noting that it is the receipt of the email from DDC that allows a person to start or continue that role. This email is forwarded onto the CSLO stating same. Either the CSLO can ask for DBS to be initiated, or this can be prompted by CSO.

Records are centralised with the aim of assisting CSLOs by avoiding them having to keep records and providing prompts where action is required.

Sketch of the Excel format

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	AA	AB
	church	Surname	Name	Title	steward	LP?	WL?	worker children/its	pastoral visitor	pastoral visitor i care/ financial	cslo	role checked to be	other role where db	training needed for	bs needed for role	module A date	found date	found needed?	refresher date	refresh needed?	leadership date	CRB/DBS	Date of CRB/DBS	db	db	db	db	db
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4	men	green	Anne	Mrs		1								1	1		21/08/2012				req	1		001416545271	30/08/2013	req	1	
5	yea	grey	John	Mr		1								1	1				req	1						req	1	
6	yea	brown	Lizzie			1	1							1	1				req	1						req	1	
7	yea	Reed	Fred	Mr								1		0	0													

Operation

Green headed columns are manually completed; others are using excel functions/if functions etc.

1 in a column records that role against that individual.

Software knows which roles just require training and which also need DBS.

Records can be filtered by church.

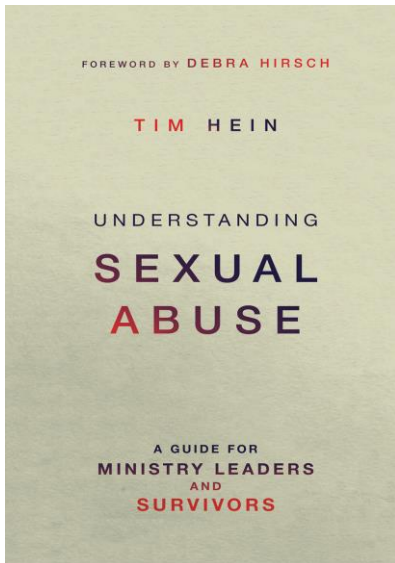
And then filtered where training is required (comparison of training dates to a reference date to cause excel to type 'req' to mean required or alternatively sort by date).

Similarly, the DBS dates- again 'req' means DBS is overdue and role requires a DBS.

Nigel A Storey, Circuit Safeguarding Officer, July 2018

Many thanks Nigel for all your work and contributing to our newsletter.

Book Recommendation



About the Book

As many as one in four girls and one in six boys experience sexual abuse during childhood, and it's estimated that half of the incidents are never reported.

Countless millions, both children and adults, carry this complex, often hidden pain. What does the path to healing look like for survivors? And how can ministry leaders, pastors, and counsellors best help them as they walk this difficult road?

Drawing on both his own and his wife's experience as survivors of childhood sexual abuse, minister and lecturer Tim Hein offers his expertise, practical guidance, and empathy.

Both for those who have suffered sexual abuse and those in a position to help them, this book is a rich resource filled with sober truths and the hope of Christ, calling survivors to take courage and walk unafraid down the road of healing.



About the Author

Tim Hein is Vice Principal and Director of Discipleship at Uniting College for Leadership and Theology in Adelaide, Australia. He is an ordained minister in the Uniting Church in Australia and speaks and preaches regularly on the Christian faith. He lives in Adelaide with his wife, Priscilla.

Available through www.muddypearl.com or Amazon

Government's Disrespect NoBody Campaign

The PSHE Association and the Home Office have launched new and improved teaching resources to support the Government's Disrespect NoBody Campaign.

The campaign aims to help young people

- Understand what a healthy relationship is and;
- Rethink their views on controlling behaviour, violence, abuse and sexual abuse and what consent means within relationships.

It also aims to help young people develop key skills and attributes such as empathy, respect, communication and negotiation so that they can enjoy healthy relationships as they grow up and in adulthood. By promoting healthy attitudes and behaviours at an early age, the campaign seeks to challenge damaging ones and prevent the onset of domestic violence in adults in the long term.

To look at the campaign go to <https://www.disrespectnobody.co.uk> for free resources visit <https://www.pshe-association.org.uk/curriculum-and-resources/resources/disrespect-nobody-teaching->