

APPENDIX 9

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING ATTENDANCE LIST



Foundation 2020 Edition

Core List – Required Attendance2.0

- presbyters with an active preaching or pastoral ministry
- deacons with an active preaching or pastoral ministry
- pre-ordination students and probationers
- lay employees and volunteer workers with pastoral responsibility
- pastoral visitors
- anyone working with children in the name of the Church
- anyone working in activities targeted at adults who are vulnerable (e.g. luncheon club for the housebound)
- church stewards
- circuit stewards
- local preachers should enrol and complete the Foundation Module at the earliest opportunity after receiving a Note to Preach. Both Foundation and Advanced modules must be completed by the end of the second year of training and before their second interview on trial, whichever occurs first.
- worship leaders should enrol and complete the Foundation Module at the earliest opportunity after commencing training. Both Foundation and Advanced modules must be complete by the end of the second year of training and before their appointment by the Church Council, whichever occurs first.
- church and circuit safeguarding representatives
- choir/music group/drama leaders – where there are children or vulnerable adults in the group.
- district staff especially policy committee members, complaints and discipline, mediators
- core teaching staff at Methodist Church Training Institutions
- Connexional staff with direct safeguarding links e.g. children and youth workers
- monitoring and Support group members (for safeguarding contracts/Covenant of Care Agreements)
- young Leaders (ages 16-18)
- members of the Safeguarding Committee.

Warmly invited but not mandatory:

- leaders of other groups or organisations that regularly hire or use Methodist premises for work with children and vulnerable adults but do not have access to safeguarding training elsewhere and do not have their own safeguarding policy
- remaining Choir/music group/drama leaders
- any other group leaders within the church, who may have adults who are vulnerable within their group
- property stewards and other keyholders
- caretakers
- church/circuit meeting secretaries
- church/circuit/district administrators
- remaining District and Connexional staff
- remaining teaching staff at Methodist Church Training Institutions

Recognition of Church of England Training

The Methodist Church recognises the Church of England Foundation Module (previously called C1) as equivalent and qualifying training to the Foundation Module. Therefore, those who have undertaken that Church of England course will have satisfied attendance requirements listed above in the Methodist Church.

Renewing Training

The requirement to renew training every four years will only apply to the highest level of safeguarding training undertaken by any individual. If the highest level of training is Foundation Module, then a repeat of this module will be necessary after four years. The 2016 Conference decided that the frequency of undertaking Creating Safer Space training should change from five to four years from September 2017 in order to make sure that training content can keep pace with changes in legislation and safeguarding practices. Link to the conference report:

<http://www.methodist.org.uk/downloads/conf-2016-30-Safeguarding.pdf>

Advanced Module 2019 Edition (Formerly Leadership Module)

As agreed by the 2016 Methodist Conference and updated following January 2017 and the April 2019 Methodist Council meetings.

Core List – Required Attendance

- safeguarding officer – District
- safeguarding officer – Circuit
- safeguarding officer - Church
- members of the District Safeguarding Group
- members of the District Policy Committee
- all presbyters or deacons with an active preaching or pastoral ministry (including supernumerary ministers)
- those who are in paid employment or a voluntary role which includes leadership within the Methodist Church, involving direct work with children, young people or vulnerable adults
- those with responsibility for supervision (either training or trained and accredited under the Methodist Church Reflective Supervision Policy 2021-26)
- lay persons who are appointed to exercise pastoral leadership within a local church
- local preachers should enrol and complete the Advanced Module at the earliest opportunity after receiving a Note to Preach and completing the Foundation Module. Both modules must be completed by the end of the second year of training and before their second interview on trial, whichever occurs first
- worship leaders should enrol and complete the Advanced Module at the earliest opportunity after commencing training and completing the Foundation Module. Both modules must be complete by the end of the second year of training and before their appointment by the Church Council, whichever occurs first
- those who deliver the Foundation Module
- evangelism/mission enablers

- circuit stewards
- members of the Connexional Complaint Panels, Discipline Committees, Pastoral and Appeals Committees
- those in recognised roles involving pioneering, fresh expressions or evangelism
- mentors for the Youth Participation Scheme
- members of the Safeguarding Committee.

Warmly invited but not mandatory:

- supernumerary ministers apart from those who have an active preaching or pastoral ministry.

Recognition of Church of England Training

The Methodist Church recognises the Church of England Leadership Module (previously called C2) as equivalent and qualifying training to the Advanced Module. Therefore, those who have undertaken that Church of England course will have satisfied attendance requirements listed above in the Methodist Church.

Renewing Training

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