



CREATING SAFER SPACE

Safeguarding Training

ATTENDANCE PROVISION

From Appendix 2 Safeguarding Report, The Methodist Conference 2012

Leadership Module

Updated following January 2017 Methodist Council, link to the council report:

<http://www.methodist.org.uk/media/1400/counc-mc17-13-the-2016-conference-resolutions-34-2-and-34-3-january-2017.pdf>

Core List – Required Attendance

- ◇ Safeguarding coordinator – Circuit
- ◇ Safeguarding Officer – District
- ◇ Members of the District Safeguarding Group
- ◇ Members of the District Policy Committee
- ◇ All presbyters or deacons with an 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
- ◇ Safeguarding officer – church

Warmly invited but not mandatory

- ◇ Supernumerary ministers apart from those who have pastoral care of a church
- ◇ It has not been possible to create a standard list. There should not be too many varied roles and responsibilities represented at the training since the material focuses on leadership responsibilities rather than general safeguarding awareness. However there needs to be flexibility for inclusion where this would be helpful. This decision making should form part of the responsibility of the District Safeguarding Group when planning the provision of Leadership Module day sessions, across the District.

Foundation Module

Core List – Required Attendance

- ◇ 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 0-18 year olds in the name of the church

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- ◇ Anyone working in activities targeted at adults who are vulnerable (eg luncheon club for the housebound)
- ◇ Church stewards
- ◇ Circuit stewards
- ◇ Local preachers
- ◇ Worship leaders
- ◇ Those training for local preaching or worship leading
- ◇ Church and circuit safeguarding representatives
- ◇ Choir/music group/drama leaders – where there are 0-18 year olds 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 eg children and youth workers
- ◇ ‘Covenant of Care’ group members

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- ◇ Evangelism/mission enablers
- ◇ Leaders of other organisations, working with 0-18yr olds or vulnerable adults, who use church premises
- ◇ Remaining Choir/music group/drama leaders
- ◇ Any other group leaders within the church, who may have adults within their particular group who are vulnerable.
- ◇ 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

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>