



Regional Safeguarding Newsletter February 2019

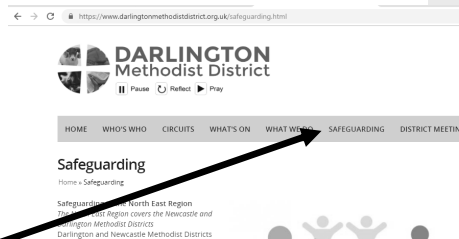


New: Safeguarding web pages

We have updated the Safeguarding Pages of the Darlington Methodist Website.

Safeguarding

You can get to this page by clicking on the word safeguarding on the main menu. This page explains our safeguarding values and has safeguarding policies and newsletters. From this page you can get to other safeguarding pages.



- > **I have a concern**—List of contacts if you have a concern or a question about safeguarding.
- > **Safeguarding Training**—an overview of safeguarding training courses in the Methodist Church and who needs to attend
- >> **Advanced Module**—an overview of the advanced module with a link to booking a place on the course
- >>> **Book Advance Module**—find out when courses are running, how to book and download a booking form.
- > **Where can I get help?** List of helplines for those experiencing abuse. A printable list is available on request.
- > **Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)**— who needs to have a DBS check, DBS exemption forms and links to DBS providers
- > **Safer Recruitment**—information for anyone recruiting a volunteer or paid position in the church.
- >>> **Volunteer Role Descriptions**—examples of volunteer role descriptions and how to use them.

With your help, we hope to make the website a place where your Safeguarding questions can be answered and where you can find up-to-date guidance and document.

Booking the Advanced Module

Visit: <https://www.darlingtonmethodistdistrict.org.uk/safeguarding/safeguarding-training/advanced-module/book-advanced-module.html> to find the latest list of course dates, booking deadlines and availability.

Book your place, by contacting Rebecca neregsafe.office@gmail.com or 07484 886006.

Take action

Save the date: Circuit Safeguarding Officers Meeting

We are holding two safeguarding meetings on the afternoon of 15 May and the evening of 16 May. These meetings are for church and circuit safeguarding officers, safeguarding trainers and superintendents. More details to follow...

We need your help!

1. Visit the Darlington Methodist website using this link: <https://www.darlingtonmethodistdistrict.org.uk/safeguarding.html>
2. Explore the pages
3. Make a note of anything you like, dislike, could be improved or anything that is missing.
4. Let me know by calling or texting 07484 886006 or emailing neregsafe.office@gmail.com

Join the network of Domestic Abuse Awareness Champions!

Some recent research in Carlisle Diocese highlighted that a lot of people within Churches didn't think Domestic Abuse was an issue that affected members of their church this is clearly not the case. Domestic Abuse Champions within the Region will help us improve our response to any individual affected by Domestic Abuse and raise awareness about how this issue impacts on the church. If you live in the Northumbria Police Force area and are interested in undertaking this training, please contact Carolyn 07534 346374 newcastle.darlington@dso.methodist.org.uk

Advice from Charity Commission

If something goes wrong...

If something does go wrong, you should take immediate action to:

- * prevent or minimise any further harm, loss or damage
- * report it to the Commission as a serious incident: RSI@charitycommission.gsi.gov.uk
- * report it to the police, if you suspect a crime has been committed, and to any other regulators the charity is accountable to
- * plan what to say to your staff, volunteers, members, the public and the media
- * review what happened and prevent it from happening again - this may include strengthening internal controls and procedures, and/or seeking appropriate help from professional advisers.

You should report what happened and explain how you're dealing with it, even if you have already reported it to the police or another regulator.

The Commission does not itself investigate criminal offences, safeguarding or health and safety incidents - lead responsibility rests with other statutory agencies and regulators.

However, the Commission may need to make contact with the police or other regulators and follow up on their investigations.

Reporting Checklist

When making a serious incident report, you should provide details of:

- who you are and your connection to the charity
- the authority you have to report on behalf of the charity's trustees
- who in the trustee body is aware of the incident, for example all or only the Chair
- what happened and when the charity first became aware of it
- action being taken to deal with the incident and prevent future problems
- whether and when it was reported to the police or another regulator/ statutory agency (including official reference numbers)
- media handling lines you may have prepared

If, having read this guidance, you're unsure whether the incident should be reported, it's best to report it anyway - the Commission can then decide what to advise you and what action, if any, is appropriate.

It's important that you provide enough detail in your report to give the Commission a clear picture of what happened and when, the extent of any loss, how you're dealing with it and the possible next steps. There is no minimum loss figure that should be reported. You will also need to report the incident in your annual charity return.

Useful Contacts

Regional Safeguarding Officer:

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DDC: DBS Body for the Methodist Church

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<https://www.ddc.uk.net/methodist/>

I have a new email address:
newcastle.darlington@dso.methodist.org.uk
Please update your contact lists.
Thank you! *Carolyn Godfrey*



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