



# Safeguarding Newsletter

Newcastle District and Darlington District

**Welcome to our first Newsletter of 2024! This is the place to find the latest information about safeguarding in the region.**

## 1. New Team Member

Rachel Bourne is the new Assistant Regional Safeguarding Officer (ARSO).



Rachel has taken over the safeguarding admin from the lovely Jenny Priory, and is overseeing training, DBSs, and answering any questions you may have. Rachel is not doing casework, so still speak to Carolyn Godfrey with any safeguarding concerns. Rachel likes trying to bake bread, swimming in the sea, and gardening (gardening without a garden). Rachel once spoke to DJ Greg James about cows live on Radio 1.

## 2. New Safer Recruitment forms for volunteers

To recruit volunteers, there is now just one form to fill out. It is replacing the Form As and the Confidential Disclosure forms.

**‘One Form  
to Replace  
Them All’:**

[Volunteer Application Form](#)

Everyone who has an official role in church life should be recruited following the Safer Recruitment Policy. This procedure has now been made a bit simpler, as there is only one form to be completed. More information about Safer Recruitment can be found at [here](#).

### 3. New Safer Working Practices Leaflets

These new leaflets need to be given to every volunteer yearly. There is one for people working with children and young people, and one for people working with adults.

[Leaflet for people working with children and young people](#)

[Leaflet for people working with adults](#)

The Code of Safer Working Practice is important as it helps to make sure good safeguarding takes place. These leaflets are designed to make this information more accessible to all volunteers.

More information about Safer Working Practices can be found [here](#).

### 4. New dates

These are the next Foundation and Advanced Module Safeguarding Trainings coming up.

#### Online Courses:

##### Advanced Module:

- Wed 21st February, 10am & 7pm
- Tues 5th March, 10am & 7pm
- Mon 18th March, 7pm
- Wed 22nd May, 7pm
- Wed 4th June, 10am & 7pm
- Thurs 20th June, 10am & 7pm

Book onto these courses [here](#).

##### Foundation Module:

Our online course in March is now fully booked, but details about our next session will be sent out soon.

#### Face to Face Courses:

##### Advanced Module:

- Monday 5th February, Marske Methodist Church, 10am-4pm
- Saturday 24th February, Leadgate Methodist Church 10am-4pm.

Book onto these course [here](#).

##### Foundation Module:

Contact your Circuit Safeguarding Officer.

### Who you gonna call?

*If you have a safeguarding concerns, contact:*

Regional Safeguarding Officer: **Carolyn Godfrey** - 07534 346374 - [newcastle.darlington@dso.methodist.org.uk](mailto:newcastle.darlington@dso.methodist.org.uk)

*If you have queries about DBs or Safeguarding Trainings, contact:*

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