

Statement of safeguarding principles

Every person has a value and dignity, which comes directly from the creation of humans in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Principles

We are committed to:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- safeguarding and protecting all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- establishing safe, caring communities, which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.

We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with safer recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with¹ the relevant vetting and barring schemes.

We will respond without delay to every safeguarding concern, which suggests that a child, young person or adult may have been harmed, working in partnership with the police and local authority in any investigation.

We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.

We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.

Working with the District Safeguarding Officer, we will support risk assessment of those who present a safeguarding risk within a church environment. We will ensure appropriate pastoral care is offered and measures are taken to address identified risks including referral to statutory agencies, suspension and the use of safeguarding contracts. We will recognise and apply the restrictions to appointment laid down in Standing Order 010 of the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church.

In all these principles, we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.



At The Hub we take the Safeguarding very seriously. We value every human being as part of God's creation and believe everyone has the right to fair treatment and protection from harm.

If you would like more information please read our Church Safeguarding Policy [here](#) (add hyperlink).

You can also find more information about safeguarding in the Methodist Church by visiting www.methodist.org.uk/safeguarding or by reading the current [Safeguarding Policy, procedure and Guidance for the Methodist Church](#).

The Sheffield Methodist District website has a dedicated section for safeguarding covering a variety of subjects, click [here](#) to access.

Reporting safeguarding concerns, help and guidance

If you wish to report a safeguarding concern or access help and guidance you can speak to our Church Safeguarding Contact: *Rev Jonathan Brook 07908-161518* or Circuit Safeguarding Officer: *insert name and contact number*.

You may prefer to call the Minister in Pastoral Charge, *insert name and contact number*.

If you would like to speak with the District Safeguarding Officer please contact Alison Hill by phoning 07483 362 735 or emailing safeguarding@sheffieldmethodist.org

Emergency situation

Police

In an emergency, always dial 999. Emergencies include when there is:

- danger to life
- use, or immediate threat of use, of violence
- a crime in progress
- serious injury to a person
- an offender that has just been disturbed at the scene
- a need for immediate police attendance such as when a crime is about to be committed.

Adult Social Care

If you're concerned that a vulnerable adult may be experiencing, or be at risk of, neglect or abuse please Tel: 999 in an emergency. If you'd like to report or discuss your concerns please ring Call Derbyshire Tel: 01629 533190

Children's Social Care

If you are concerned about a child's welfare or worried they are being abused, you should also Call Derbyshire Tel: 01629 533190.

Helplines

Police non-emergency:	101
NSPCC:	0808 800 5000
Childline:	0800 1111
Action on Elder Abuse:	0808 808 8141
Family Lives:	0808 800 2222
National Domestic Abuse Helpline:	0808 2000 247
Samaritans:	116 123

