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## **Responding Well - District Safeguarding Policy Summary – September 2020**

**The full District Safeguarding Policy is on the District and Circuit websites and from local Church and Circuit Safeguarding Officers.**

All safeguarding policies should be read alongside **Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Guidance for the Methodist Church (2020)**.

The Methodist Church is committed to the safety and protection of all, especially those who are vulnerable. Districts, Circuits and local churches are committed to ensuring policies and procedures are in place.

The District now adopts the term “**Responding Well**” in relation to its policies and procedures for safeguarding.

This policy and all related policies are now mandatory.

The District Safeguarding Group (DSG) oversees the work within the District – role outline in the full Policy.

The District must have a District Safeguarding Officer (DSO) – role outline in the full Policy.

Each Circuit has to have at least one Circuit Safeguarding Officer.

Each Church has to have a Church Safeguarding Officer.

If local churches do not have a contact, the Church Council Secretary takes that role until one is found - Ministers cannot be in a safeguarding role.

All the above roles must be safer recruited to – Safer Recruitment Policy is being revised.

All concerns should be reported as per the **Responding Well District Flowchart** and procedure.

Each church should have displayed in a public place within the church the Connexional Safeguarding Poster, this summary, the Responding Well flowchart and other relevant safeguarding material.

Safeguarding training at Foundation and Advanced level must be undertaken as advised given Covid-19 restrictions.

External use of church premises should be seen as a letting arrangement and letting forms completed and policies and DBS clearances checked for the group using the premises.

All events within church, Circuit and District life, should be risk assessed – template in the District Policy.

All those who are required to have a criminal record check (DBS) will do so and ensure it is reviewed every 5 years as required by the Methodist Church. On line applications only.

Useful contact details:

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<b>Circuit Website</b>	<a href="http://www.epworthandscunthorpemethodistcircuit.co.uk">www.epworthandscunthorpemethodistcircuit.co.uk</a>
<b>District Website</b>	<a href="http://www.lincolnshiremethodist.org.uk">www.lincolnshiremethodist.org.uk</a>