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South East Safeguarding Newsletter No.1

Dear Safeguarding Officers, Ministers & Superintendents,

Hello, and welcome to the first edition of the South East Safeguarding newsletter. I began my role as District Safeguarding Officer (DSO) in July this year, and have so far come across a number of queries regarding a range of topics relating to safeguarding within the Church. Through regular newsletters I aim to provide answers to these queries, and to make sure that key information is shared around the District.

Let me know if you have a query, would like to give feedback about what is working well in your area, or whether you have any training needs which aren't currently being covered.

I look forward to working with you to further promote safeguarding around the District.

Philippa

DATA PROTECTION

THE GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION WILL APPLY IN THE UK FROM 25TH MAY 2018.

GUIDANCE FOR PROCESSING, PUBLISHING AND RETAINING DATA IN ACCORDANCE WITH GDPR WILL BE PROVIDED.

IN THE MEANTIME, PLEASE RETAIN ALL SAFEGUARDING RECORDS WHICH ALREADY EXIST, AND CONTINUE WITH YOUR CURRENT PRACTICE REGARDING DATA.

Did you know.....?

- The updated Leadership Module is due to be rolled out from Easter 2018
- Covenants of Care have been renamed Safeguarding Contracts; there are changes to associated policy
- The DSO should be notified of all situations regarding a safeguarding concern

TRAINING DATES

Train the Trainers:

4th November 2017 – Bexhill

7th March 2018 - Canterbury

2nd June 2018 – Woking

Leadership Module

(for those not previously trained)

18th January 2018 – TBC

3rd February 2018 – TBC

Contact Philippa to book a place

DBS

The processing of DBS checks has been passed on to Due Diligence Checking. There is a different online system with new login details. The system will be in place from 1st November. Lay verifiers need to be added to the system by their Circuit Superintendent.

DBS checks are needed for:

All Ministers
Local preachers & worship leaders
Church Stewards
Pastoral visitors
Junior Church helpers
Messy Church volunteers
Youth workers
Circuit & Church safeguarding officers
Any other role which falls into groups 1&2 of Methodist Church DBS guidance, via the website <http://www.methodist.org.uk>