

District Safeguarding Day Advanced Module Creating Safer Space

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Principles of the Advanced Module

- Replaces the Leadership Module which is now 5 years old
- Has been developed as a collaboration between DMLN and District Safeguarding Officers
- A mixed model of delivery i.e.
 - **Essential preparation** - on-line pre-course reading (1.5 hours)
 - **Core Learning** Face to face training (4 hours)
 - **Handbook** for further study and resources.
- To broaden the scope, participants are required to access the material through the lens of their role and to think through how the content is relevant to them in their role.

Who are required to attend the training?

- All presbyters or deacons with an active preaching or pastoral ministry, including those supernumerary ministers who have pastoral care of a church
- Paid lay workers
- Volunteers whose work includes leadership within the Methodist Church, which involves direct work with children, youth or adults
- Circuit and Church Safeguarding Officers
- Worship Leaders including those in training
- Local Preachers including those on trial and those in training
- Those in recognised roles involving pioneering, fresh expressions or evangelism
- Those who deliver the Foundation Module
- Mentors for the Youth Participation scheme

Who are required to attend the training?

- Members of the District Safeguarding Group
- Members of the District Policy Committee
- Requirement that specific groups not required to attend the whole module should attend training covering specific sections e.g. Volunteers in direct work with children, young people or vulnerable adults.
- **Warmly invited but not mandatory:**
- Supernumerary ministers apart from those for whom it is required.

Exercise 1

From your experience of safeguarding discuss within your group those roles /groups within the church for whom the Advanced Module learning and training would be most useful and give your reasons why?

Exercise 2 - Case Study

One Friday morning a church member who lives nearby tells you that Revd Jones from your church/circuit was arrested the previous evening on suspicion of serious offences against two boys who attend church.

You realise several people are gossiping about the situation. Some are saying the boys have been known to tell lies so they don't know why anyone believes them.

In groups create a timeline as to

- what should happen and by whom within the church and church leadership teams immediately in response to this and
- what should happen within the next week.

Plans for the delivery of the Advanced Module.

Work in progress

- Determine those who need to be trained in the next year and beyond.
- Determine the most appropriate means of delivery i.e. generic groups across circuits v specific groups dependant on role.
- Delivery will be by the DST initially and others as required.
- Roll out from September 2018