

## **Safeguarding Posters**

All churches and circuits have been sent one copy of each of the two posters for display on their noticeboards. The District Safeguarding Officer will also receive a copy of each poster and these notes.

### **Use of the Posters**

The use of the posters is recommended, but not obligatory, as the easiest way to present the information in a format which is identifiable across locations in the Connexion. The design has taken into consideration the needs of those with visual impairment and dyslexia. Where space allows, churches and circuits may wish to use the larger version available online. There are two posters to ensure that information is clear and legible at a distance. Churches and circuits can opt to display solely their safeguarding policy. If these or a similar, locally designed posters are used, they should identify where the local policy can be accessed.

### **Type of Poster**

You have been supplied with either the Methodist Church version of the posters or an alternative version if your church is an LEP and you follow the Methodist Church Safeguarding Policy. The LEP version contains the policy commitments but does not use the Methodist Church logo. It confirms that the Methodist Church safeguarding policy is followed. There are also Welsh versions.

### **Additional Copies in A3 and A4**

It will be possible to print off additional copies from the website in both A3 and A4 versions.

### **How to Add Information to the Posters**

It is perfectly acceptable to add contacts in handwriting. Some may prefer to type the details on sticky address labels and add them to the posters that way. The online versions allow for typewritten details to be added.

### **Local Safeguarding Officer Contact Details**

There are spaces to add the details of local safeguarding officers. The minimum that should be included in this box is the District Safeguarding Officer's contact details but other details for church or circuit safeguarding officers may be added, depending on practice in your district. There is no expectation that local safeguarding officers will add personal contact details and office numbers may be used.

### **Local Authority**

There is a wide variety of local authority provision in terms of safeguarding contacts for reporting. Therefore, the title of this box is generic but may be used for contact details for a MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub), Children & Adult Services, LADO or other local authority services available locally. Check guidance from your DSO, if necessary to confirm what is available in your area.

### **Local Helplines**

Completion of this box is optional but allows for the church or circuit to highlight local provision where it exists.

### **Location of Local Safeguarding Policy**

If you are using the posters, there is no longer a requirement to pin the church or circuit policy to the noticeboard. You can note where a physical copy of the policy can be accessed nearby (e.g. in a folder) or provide a website address where it can be viewed. Some people have suggested they may also add a QR code (the square of black marks often used on commercial products/train tickets), but this is not a requirement.