



Safeguarding Newsletter

Newcastle District and Darlington District

Welcome to our April Newsletter! This is the place to find the latest information about safeguarding in the region.

1. When is the next training?

There is a new page on the website with information about upcoming trainings.

This button on the website will take you to the new page:



When is the next training?

You'll find **dates** for the next Advanced and Foundation Modules that are happening in the region on this page.

Click [here](#), or find this button at the bottom left corner of the safeguarding section of the Darlington Methodist District website.

If you are running a Face-to-Face Foundation Module, **let us know** so we can advertise here.

2. Do you have questions about doing training?

Get in touch if you have a questions about safeguarding training.

"I wanted to tell you I found the format of the safeguarding training really good, it was so easy to follow, relatable, not too heavy, really good for explaining procedures simply and it was in manageable chunks, switched up well for different learning styles. Really rate it well."

Feedback from a participant on an Advanced Module training course

Safeguarding training can be daunting- people might be put off by worries about using the technology, discussing topics that can be stressful, or taking in all the information.

We try and make it as accessible as we can. Please **get in touch with Rachel if you have any questions** about doing the training, or click [here](#) to see the training FAQs section of Darlington Methodist District Website.

3. Learning more about safeguarding topics

Here are two opportunities to learn more about safeguarding topics.

FGM (Female Genital Mutilation)

The Connexional Safeguarding team are running a webinar about FGM on the 23rd May 2024 10.00- 12:00. Contact Rachel for details about how to book a space.

FGM is child abuse that causes significant harm. It is performed in the UK, and affects many more people who have migrated to the UK. Despite it being illegal, conviction rates remain very low. Educating people who work with children and young people is key to prevention and support.

New NSPCC Learning Online safety page

NSPCC Learning has published a new page bringing together online safety information for people working or volunteering with children. New and updated content includes: preventing online harm and abuse; responding to online abuse; and social media, online communities and safeguarding. Click [here](#) to view the web page.

4. Supporting Survivors

Statistically, there will be survivors of abuse in every church. It's important office holders know how to listen to and support people.

If I told
you,
what would
you do?



The Anglican Diocese of Newcastle and the Safe Spaces project have joint-funded a strategy with the goals of **helping to support survivors** of abuse and helping those our churches to learn how to hear survivors' stories and respond better to them. The project has created **7 short video reflections** (each around 3 minutes long). Click [here](#) to find out more.

Click [here](#) to look at the 'Supporting Survivors' page on the Methodist Church website, for more information and resources.

Who you gonna call?

If you have a safeguarding concerns, contact:

Regional Safeguarding Officer: **Carolyn Godfrey** - 07534 346374 - newcastle.darlington@dso.methodist.org.uk

If you have queries about DBSs or Safeguarding Trainings, contact:

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