

Safeguarding Posters

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. There is also a poster for use by LEP'S which simply refers to The Church rather than The Methodist Church.

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. **The online version is now available** on the MCIB website, click on 'Safeguarding – Policies, Procedures & Information – Posters, or follow this [link](#)

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 and 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. It should be noted that if you choose not to use the posters it is essential that the District Safeguarding Officer's contact details are displayed in church in a prominent position.

District Safeguarding Officer (Alison Hill)

Email: safeguarding@sheffieldmethodist.org

Mobile: Mobile: 07483 362735

Circuit Safeguarding Officer (Debbie Wheeler)

Email: debbie.wheeler@sheffieldcircuit.org.uk

Office number: 0114 2726561

Local Authority

There is a wide variety of local authority provision in terms of safeguarding contacts for reporting. Check guidance from your DSO, if necessary to confirm what is available in your area. The following are useful contacts;

South Yorkshire:

Local Police	101
Safeguarding Children's Hub	0114 273 4855
Adult Social Care	0114 273 4903

LADO (local authority designated officer – children’s services) 07814 382 424

Derbyshire:

Local Police	101
Children & Adults Social Care	01629 533 190
LADO	01629 533 190

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.