

Safeguarding Children, Young People & Vulnerable Adults



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Useful Contacts

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Many thousands of children, young people and vulnerable adults come on to church premises every week, to take part in all kinds of activities. The overwhelming majority of individuals enjoy positive experiences because of the many people who give their time to work with and care for them.

This booklet is part of a wider package of active safeguarding policies and good practice measures. Its very existence signals the importance that the Methodist Churches of this District place on safeguarding. Even when all safeguards are put into place, however, we should all still be alert to the possibility of risk of abuse. These measures equip the church community to work together to prevent such incidents taking place. Also to respond rapidly if there is ever any concern that there may have been inappropriate, abusive behaviour on the part of a young person or an adult towards a child, young person or adult whilst on church premises or engaged in church activity. Sometimes abuse which has taken place outside the Church may come to the notice of church members. If there is a concern about a child, young person or vulnerable adult then everyone needs to know what action to take to protect their welfare.

The District has a Safeguarding Officer and a Safeguarding Team of people with professional backgrounds who have wide experience in dealing with concerns about safeguarding. They are available for training, help, information and policy development. If you are involved in a situation where you are concerned about the welfare of a child or vulnerable adult then please feel free to contact them and discuss your concerns.

This booklet also provides Children’s Services, Local Authority contact details and other agencies that might be helpful for advice, information and referrals.

Contact Numbers

Your Minister:

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Church Safeguarding Officer:

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Circuit Safeguarding Officer:

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National Association of Christian Survivors of Sexual Abuse

Puts survivors in touch with each other and had local groups and a newsletter
c/o 38 Sydenham Villa Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL52 6DZ

NSPCC

www.nspcc.org.uk – National Helpline 0808 800 5000

Police: Staffordshire and Cheshire

Ring central switchboard 101 and ask for Child Protection Unit

Sexual Abuse and Incest Victims Emerge (SAVE)

01782 852693 – for Stoke-on-Trent and surrounding area

Sexual Abuse and Rape Advice Centre

01283 517185 – Burton base for South Staffordshire

Stop It Now

Helpline to support anyone who may need help in preventing abuse, even by themselves 0808 1000 900 www.stopitnow.org.uk or www.parentsprotect.co.uk

Survive

01270 253179 – Crewe and Nantwich based but serving the North West

Survivors UK (Men only)

0203 598 3898 – www.survivorsuk.org for opening hours and webchat service

Wellspring Christian Trust

01928 735589 – Christian Listening Service, Frodsham base but serving Cheshire and surrounding area

Women's Aid

www.womensaid.org.uk
National Helpline 0808 2000 247 helpline@womensaid.org.uk
Help, support, advice and refuge for women and children experiencing domestic violence

Women's Rape and Sexual Violence Service - SAVANA

01782 221000 – Hanley base serving North Staffordshire and South Cheshire

Methodist District Contacts*District Safeguarding Officer:*

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Local Authority Safeguarding Offices within the District, listed by authority

When you phone you may be asked for the child's, adults name, the address of the family and the age of the child. The opening times of the offices may vary. You may wish to use these numbers if you have a concern about a child / vulnerable adult or a concern about an adult working with children or vulnerable adults.

Cheshire East	If at any point you are concerned about the safety of a child or young person, contact Cheshire East Children's Assessment Team on 0300 123 5012 (8:30am to 5:00pm) At all other times contact our Social Care Out of Hours Team on 0300 123 5022
Cheshire West	Telephone: 01606 275099 Out of hours: 01244 977277
Staffordshire	Staffordshire County Council's First Response Service: 0800 1313 126 (Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 5:00pm and Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm) Email: firststr@staffordshire.gov.uk Emergency Duty Service (Out of Hours Service): 0845 604 2886
Merseyside	Contact the Integrated Children's Service on 0151 233 3700 (phone lines are open 24 hours)
Flintshire	01352 701000 (during office hours) or 0845 053 3116 (outside office hours)
Halton	You can contact Children's Social Care Duty Officer on 0151 907 8305 You can contact our Emergency Duty Service on 0345 050 0148 Email: edt@halton.gov.uk
Stoke-on-Trent	Advice and Referral Team on 01782 235100 Children and Young Peoples Services (office hours 8:30am to 5:00pm) Emergency Duty Team 01782 234234 (outside office hours 5:00pm to 8:30am)
Shropshire	Telephone 0345 678 9021

Other Agencies

Support for survivors of sexual abuse, who may have been abused in childhood or as adults. Here is a list of contacts within the District and National Information and Support Services. Generally, telephone lines operate for limited periods, and there is a recorded message advising when someone will answer, or offering to call back if you leave a number. Some aim to help specific groups only. More details can be obtained from the District Safeguarding Group or from NAPAC Information Line (see below).

Axis

01743 357777 – Shrewsbury base for Shropshire

Chester Sexual Abuse Support Service – Women and Girls

01244 317922 – for West Cheshire

Childline

www.childline.org.uk – 0800 1111

Children's Legal Centre

University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester, Essex CO4 3SQ
childrenslegalcentre.com Tel: 08088 020 008

Emerge

01785 225991 – for Staffordshire

Merseyside Rape Crisis

Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (Merseyside) (RASA)

Women and Girls in the North West area

P O Box 35, Birkenhead, Merseyside, CH42 4RX

Helpline: 0151 666 1392

Helpline Opening Hours: Sunday 3:00 to 5:00pm, Monday 7:00 to 9:00pm,

Wednesday 2:00 to 5:00pm, Thursday 7:00 to 9:00pm

Email: rasamerseyside@btconnect.com

www.rasamerseyside.org

Phone Number: 0151 650 0155

NAPAC

National Association for People Abused in Childhood

www.napac.org.uk Support Line 0800 085 3330

42 Curtain Road, London, EC2A 3NH