

Changes and reminders - the District Safeguarding Policies and Procedures for 2026/27

Policy	Location	Comments
District Safeguarding Policy 2026/27	Opening bullet points	Changed – for note
	Par 3.7 and 3.8	Changes to cover for Church and Circuit safeguarding officers
	Para 5.3	Amended in the light of the above
	Para 10.4	New para for LGBTQ+
	Appendix (i)	New to reflect Governance of safeguarding
	Appendix (ii)	Roles and responsibilities – used to be Appendix (i)
District Safeguarding Policy 2026/27		
SUMMARY FOR NOTICE BOARDS	No changes other than now 26/27	
District responding Well FLOWCHART 2026	No changes other than now 2026	PLEASE REINFORCE THE IMPORTANCE OF RINGING THE RSO WITH SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS – NOT EMAILS.

District Person in the Pew FLOWCHART 2026	No changes other than now 2026	Some churches have made this credit card size and given out to visitors
District responding Well CONCERN FORM	End of form relating to Charity Commission slightly amended	Seek advice from ROS if and when the form is needed to be completed. Dealing with the concern is more important than the form initially.
Church Policy TEMPLATE	Additional bullet point to note that any church without a church SO is covered by the Circuit Safeguarding Officer	New connexional policy
Circuit Policy TEMPLATE	Additional bullet point to note that any Circuit without a Circuit safeguarding Officer is overseen by the ROS	New connexional policy
New attachment to Policy	Separate attachment sent with District Safeguarding Policy	Appropriate links for related safeguarding resources
New attachment to Policy	Separate attachment sent with District Safeguarding Policy	Connexional Safeguarding Poster FOR DISPLAY
Other District policies	On the District website	Please continue with these until the Methodist Church revises them for our use. Seek advice from ROS when necessary