

## **Ten Themes from the Review of Past Cases for those delivering the Foundation and Advanced Modules.**

**Theme 1: Abuse and risk are still not always recognised**

**Theme 2: The huge and ongoing impact of abuse on those who have been harmed**

**Theme 3: Abuse which has occurred in the church setting is even more distressing and a devastating breach of trust.**

**Theme 4: There is a need for the further development of listening skills.**

**Theme 5: People in the church are still not responding well to serious situations.**

**Theme 6: People find it difficult to put respectful uncertainty into practice**

**Theme 7: Responding well to the church congregation in difficult safeguarding situations continues to be a challenge.**

**Theme 8: Recording: Practice has improved but record keeping is still not consistent enough.**

**Theme 9: Effective working with other agencies still requires development.**

**Theme 10: There has been, and remains, insufficient understanding of the significance of safeguarding concerns about those who hold leadership roles in the Methodist Church.**