

Safeguarding Newsletter

Message from your DSO

As we journey towards the end of this strangest of years I'd like to share with you Maya Angelou's Peaceful Path Prayer, which sums up my prayers for the year past, and the one to come.

*Father, Mother, God,
Thank you for your presence
during the hard and mean days.
For then we have you to lean upon.*

*Thank you for your presence
during the bright and sunny days,
for then we can share that which we
have with those who have less.*

*And thank you for your presence
during the Holy Days,
for then we are able to celebrate you
and our families and our friends.*

*For those who have no voice,
we ask you to speak.*

*For those who feel unworthy,
we ask you to pour your love out*

*For those who live in pain,
we ask you to bathe them
in the river of your healing.*

*For those who are lonely,
we ask you to keep them company.*

*For those who are depressed,
we ask you to shower upon them
the light of hope.*

*Dear Creator, You, the borderless
sea of substance,*



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*we ask you to give to all the world that
which we need most -*

Peace

Wishing you and yours a year of peace and blessings.

Helen

DBS Update

From the 28 November 2020, the filtering rules for Standard and Enhanced DBS checks changed.

This means that DBS certificates will disclose criminal records according to this new legislation and will no longer disclose youth reprimands, youth warnings, or youth cautions.

They will also no longer automatically disclose all convictions where an individual has more than one, instead each individual conviction will be assessed against the appropriate rules.

Any certificates produced prior the 28 November will be in line with the previous filtering rules.

For further information see:

[DBS filtering guide - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

[New filtering rules for DBS certificates \(from 28 November 2020 onwards\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

Other records must be included depending on when the caution or conviction was received:

- Any adult caution for a non-specified offence received within the last 6 years
- Any adult conviction for a non-specified offence received within the last 11 years
- Any youth conviction for a non-specified offence received within the last 5 and a half years



Disclosure &
Barring Service

Standard and Enhanced DBS certificates must always include the following records no matter when they were received:

- All convictions for specified offences
- Adult cautions for specified offences
- All convictions that resulted in a custodial sentence

[List of offences that will never be filtered from a DBS certificate - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

Any cautions (including reprimands and warnings) and convictions not covered by the rules above are 'protected' and will not appear on a DBS certificate automatically.

However, enhanced certificates may include information relating to a caution or conviction that is protected under the filtering rules where the local police force consider that a caution or conviction is relevant to the role the individual is performing.



Explaining the emails from DDC

System@DDC

Disclosures received are sent to Superintendent, DSO, disclosures at DDC, and anyone else involved in that application.

Contact@DDC

When an application has been initiated but the full process has not yet been completed. Advises it will be withdrawn unless contact made.

Reminders@DDC

Sent to Superintendent, DSO and anyone else involved in that application when DDC has not received a completed online application despite having sent at least 2 reminders to the applicant.

Rechecks@DDC

Reminders of when DBS rechecks are due.

Remember, you can contact DDC to request where else you would like copies to be sent e.g. Circuit Safeguarding Officers for all Circuit applications, Circuit/church administration teams.

And what about emails like this?

“As part of our service DDC issues a reminder when a specified period has elapsed since a Disclosure was issued.*

If you could check that the people listed below are still with Circuit (Methodist) in roles that warrant a Disclosure and let us know who you would like us to re-check we will send the packs out accordingly and follow the process through. If you could include any changes to contact details it would be very helpful.”



These are mainly a reminder that a DBS is due to expire.

You could just use these as a prompt to review whether the individuals are still in role and need a renewal.

If you reply to this email, DDC will add those named onto the system and send to them information about verification, but someone will still need to verify locally.

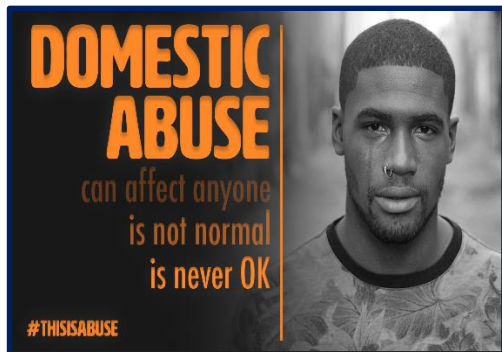
The benefit of adding to the system locally is that you can ensure that telephone numbers and emails are up to date.

Further Information:

The document below contains the list of Methodist roles for DBS agreed with DDC and a chart to help you identify whether a role is regulated activity or not.



Domestic Abuse Update



For those of you who were unable to attend the Domestic Abuse Webinar on Tuesday 24th November please find the link below:

[Domestic Abuse webinar: Tuesday](#)
[24 November 2020](#)
methodist.org.uk

As you are no doubt aware, cases of Domestic Abuse and Violence have escalated during the Coronavirus 19 pandemic. During the first lockdown this was largely down to third-party calls; probably because people were spending more time at home during this period. However, across the board there has been an increase in demand for domestic abuse victim services, particularly affecting helplines as lockdown measures eased; this does not necessarily indicate an increase in the number of victims, but perhaps an increase in the severity of abuse being experienced, and a lack of available coping mechanisms such as the ability to leave the home to escape the abuse or attend counselling. (*Domestic abuse during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, England and Wales: November 2020 – ONS*).

Remember that Domestic Abuse and Violence is not just about physical abuse. Psychological abuse may start small at first and build into something that can be frightening and threatening and often difficult to recognise.

Coercive control is a pattern of behaviour which seeks to undermine a person's self-esteem or sense of self and restrict or remove their freedom. It describes a variety of controlling acts including manipulation, intimidation, sexual coercion, gaslighting (a form of psychological abuse in which a victim is manipulated into doubting their own memory and sanity).

[Section 76 of the Serious Crime Act 2015](#) created a new offence of controlling or coercive behaviour. The offence carries a maximum penalty of five years' imprisonment and a fine. This does not relate to a single incident. It is a pattern of behaviour that takes place over time, in order for one person to exert power, control or coercion over another.

What can I do??

- Check out the Webinar above
- Check out the resources on the same page
- Familiarise yourself with the policies:

***NB** a new Methodist Domestic Abuse and Violence Policy is due out soon and will be added to the District website and forwarded to Superintendents and Circuit Safeguarding Officers for dissemination*

- Know where to find your local domestic abuse services, some given below.

Trafford Domestic Abuse Services (TDAS)	<u>Home tdas Trafford Domestic Abuse Services Stretford, Manchester</u>	0161 872 7368
Salford Independent Domestic Abuse Support Service (SIDASS)	<u>SIDASS Salford Women's Aid</u>	0161 793 3232
Greater Manchester Domestic Abuse Helpline	<u>End The Fear - Greater Manchester</u>	0161 636 7525
Stockport Without Abuse	<u>Stockport Without Abuse Home</u>	0161 477 4271
Tameside Bridges	<u>Bridges domestic abuse service in Greater Manchester - Jigsaw Support (jigsawhomes.org.uk)</u>	0800 328 0967 0161 331 2552

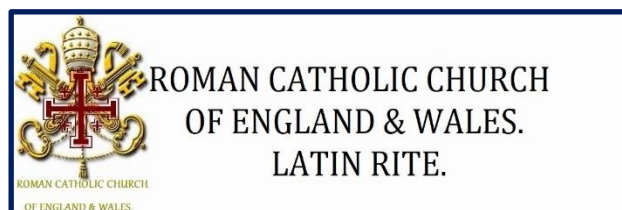


IICSA review of other denominations



In recent months IICSA has published interim investigation reports on Safeguarding within other denominations, the recommendations and lessons from which are transferable to the Methodist Church.

October 2020 The Anglican Church –Safeguarding in the Church of England and the Church in Wales Investigation Report	<u>The Anglican Church: Safeguarding in the Church of England and the Church in Wales (iicsa.org.uk)</u>
November 2020 The Roman Catholic Church – Safeguarding in the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales Investigation Report	<u>The Roman Catholic Church: Safeguarding in the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales (iicsa.org.uk)</u>



Summary of Learning

What compounded the issues?

- > Deference to the authority of the Church and to individual priests
- > Cultures within the Churches
- > Resourcing of safeguarding

What was lacking?

- > Effective leadership and oversight
- > Compliance with policy and procedures, including:
 - Record-keeping
 - Safeguarding training
- > Effective safeguarding
- > Belief of and support for victims and survivors

How did this look?

- > Failure to take abuse seriously created a culture where abusers were not dealt with but moved on
- > The Church was more concerned with its reputation than with belief and care of victims/ survivors
- > Responses to abuse were either inconsistent or inappropriate
- > Poor record-keeping and, in some cases, a total absence of records
- > Safeguarding advice was overlooked

What was recommended?

- > Culture change including around leadership and oversight, safeguarding structures, robust accountability processes
- > Improved policy and guidance that is consistent, easier to follow and more accessible
- > Develop policies relating to safeguarding, record-keeping, complaints and whistleblowing
- > External audit

- > Internal progress review of cases
- > Improved information sharing/working with other agencies
- > Changed safeguarding structures and accountability

Specific for those denominations

- > The Church of England and Church in Wales should share information about clergy who move between the two institutions
- > The Church of England should revise clergy discipline including to remove the current 12-month time-limit for all complaints with a safeguarding element, reintroduce a rule to expel any member of the clergy found guilty of child sexual abuse offences.
- > The Roman Catholic Church to redraft canonical crimes relating to child sexual abuse as crimes against the child
- > Improved policy and links with church schools

**Remember that the
Methodist church is involved
in an IICSA investigation**

We are awaiting the IICSA report into the Religious Organizations hearing that the Methodist Church was part of, and then, of course, there will be IICSA's overall final report at some point next year to consider.

In light of this, **Rev Dr Jonathan Hustler, Secretary of the Conference wrote an article in November for the Methodist Recorder**, linked below, entitled

'Rethinking how we speak about God and the nature of God's World'.

Within this, he reflects upon these investigations and reminds us that despite all the steps we have made following the Past Cases Review 5 years ago, we cannot afford to be complacent and that the voice of the survivor challenges some of our perceptions about the Church and to consider what sort of Church we need to be.

IICSA research

“People don’t talk about it”

In June 2020, IICSA published research on the underacknowledged and often overlooked subject of how child sexual abuse affects those from ethnic minority communities.

[“People don’t talk about it”: Child sexual abuse in ethnic minority communities - Executive summary | IICSA Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse](#)

This important research is very timely in the light of the Black Lives Matter movement, recognising that there are still taboos and stigmatisation in relation to child sexual abuse in ethnic minority communities that sometimes emanate from cultural norms and expectations and a reluctance to disclose, given experiences of racial prejudice.

7 key findings

- 1** Cultural stereotypes and racism can lead to institutions and professionals failing to identify and respond appropriately to child sexual abuse. They can also make it more difficult for individuals from ethnic minority communities to disclose and speak up about such abuse.
- 2** Some professionals’ view of a person is solely shaped by assumptions and stereotypes about their ethnic group, rather than the whole person.
- 3** Shame and stigma were frequently mentioned by ethnic minority participants as leading to “a code of silence”.
- 4** Child sexual abuse can have a serious impact on victims and survivors’ sense of identity and belonging within their communities.
- 5** The way that child sexual abuse is seen and responded to in ethnic minority communities is linked with expectations about gender within those communities.
- 6** Participants’ perceptions and experiences of institutions in relation to child sexual abuse were mixed but tended to be negative.
- 7** Although better than in the past, more can be done to raise awareness, remove barriers to disclosure and improve responses to child sexual abuse in ethnic minority communities.

Safer Internet Use

What are some of the risks?

	Content	Contact	Conduct
Commercial	<i>Advertising Spam Sponsorship</i>	<i>Tracking Harvesting personal information</i>	<i>Gambling Illegal downloads Hacking</i>
Aggressive	<i>Violent/gruesome/ hateful content</i>	<i>Being bullied, harassed or stalked</i>	<i>Bulling or harassing another</i>
Sexual	<i>Pornographic Harmful sexual Content</i>	<i>Meeting strangers Being groomed</i>	<i>Creating/uploading pornographic material</i>
Values	<i>Racist Biased information/ advice e.g. drugs</i>	<i>Self-harm Unwanted persuasion</i>	<i>Providing advice e.g. suicide, pro- anorexia</i>

Remember – it’s not the internet that causes the problems, but the behaviour of those who use, or abuse, it.

Methodist Guidance

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/16857/stay-safe-online-0420.docx>

This guidance for adults who may not be familiar with using the internet safely was produced early during the first lockdown, so the people who had just started to go online have had another 8 months practice now! However, there are some useful links to other helpful resources.

Report

The UK Safer Internet Centre has published a report analysing data from the Professionals Online Safety Helpline, a national helpline and part of the UK Safer Internet Centre that assists members of the children's workforce with online safety and safeguarding issues. The report finds that cases involving young people included:

- 42.86% relating to peer-to-peer abuse
- 18.37% adult abuse
- 20.41% inappropriate internet use (including viewing and distributing pornographic, violent or terrorist content)
- 10.20% sexting



[UK Safer Internet Centre Helpline Annual Report - Highlights | Safer Internet Centre/uk-safer-internet-helpline-annual-report-1.pdf \(swgfl.org.uk\)](#)

**Headlines - Child Sexual
Exploitation and Abuse during
Covid 19 Pandemic**

Girls as young as six sending sexually explicit messages during lockdown

SafeToNet 2020

Watchdog reveals 8.8 million attempts to access online child abuse in April

Internet Watch Foundation 2020

TikTok removed nearly 105 million videos for nudity and other policy violations in the first half of 2020

*TikTok
Transparency
Report 2020*

One in five British teens say they'd send naked selfies to a partner if another lockdown kept them apart

Brook 2020

Forums dedicated to child sexual exploitation on the dark web have been including enthusiastic messages about the opportunities provided as children are online more.

Interpol, June 2020

Children and Young People's use of Social Media and messaging apps



[United Kingdom Chief Medical Officers' commentary on 'Screen-based activities and children and young people's mental health and psychosocial wellbeing: a systematic map of reviews' \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

Sleep: leave phones

outside the bedroom and get enough good-quality sleep

Education: make sure that children follow their school's policy on screen time

Safety: advise children to put their phones away while crossing the road

Family time: put screens away at mealtime

Sharing sensibly: parents and carers should never assume that children are happy for their photos to be shared; when in doubt, don't upload

Keep moving: get up and move every couple of hours after spending time sitting or lying down using a screen

Talk: make sure children know they can always speak to you or a responsible adult if they feel uncomfortable with screen or social media use

Tracking: make use of device or platform features that track how much time is spent using screens or social media.

The CMO also encourages parents to agree on boundaries with children and young people relating to online behaviour and time spent using screens.

Report

The Children's Commissioner for England has published a report looking at children's use of private messaging services to understand which apps and sites children and young people are using to communicate, and to find out more about what they are sharing on these platforms.

[Plans by tech giants for more encrypted messaging risks greater child exploitation and abuse | Children's Commissioner for England](#)

Findings from a poll of 2,003 children aged 8-17 in March 2020 include:

- nine out of ten children aged between 8-17 are using messenger services
- 60% of 8-year-olds and 90% of 12-year-olds reported using a messaging app with an age restriction of 13 or older
- 38% of children aged 8-17 report having received content on a messaging platform which worried them or made them feel uncomfortable in the four weeks prior to the survey.

A reminder about Methodist Social Media Guidelines

*[The Methodist Church Social Media Policy Social media guidelines](#)
(methodist.org.uk)*

[The Children and Youth social media and communications guidance for churches](#)

Creating safe and engaging virtual spaces with children and young people

If you are organising online meetings involving children and young people, there is a new section on the Methodist Church website,

[Creating safe and engaging virtual spaces with children and young people](#) (methodist.org.uk)

This includes information about potential safeguarding issues, using Zoom and a step-by-step guide to setting up safe virtual groups (*including how to engage with parents and a consent form*).



Zoom's advice around under 16s using the platform

"Children under 16 cannot create a Zoom account. A parent or guardian may, however, permit the child to use that parent or guardian's account with their supervision."

Using Zoom Safely – a reminder for churches

Within the digital communication guidance for churches on the Methodist Website, together with other resources including the social media guidelines, is a section on

[Using Zoom safely \(methodist.org.uk\)](https://www.methodist.org.uk/using-zoom-safely)

The simple steps identified are:

Never put the Zoom joining link, the Meeting ID or the Password on social media or a website

When advertising your service or event, ask people to request the joining link, providing an email address for requests to be sent to.

Use the Zoom Waiting Room

You can then choose only to allow people to join from the waiting room if you know who they are.

Disable participant screen sharing

Should the meeting require others to share documents, these should be emailed to the host in advance.

Once everyone is in, lock the meeting

In the improbable event that troublemakers do gain access, you can eject them.

NB Be aware that troublemakers have been known to fake the identities of people already in a meeting to trick the host into letting them in again. Disable the participant ability to change their name.

Zoom bombing could happen anywhere if the steps above are not followed.

**But it couldn't happen to us!!!
Could it?????**

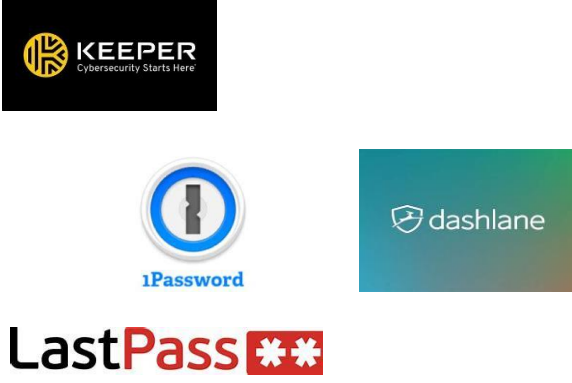
The Facebook link takes you to a short 6-minute video posted by a Baptist minister who experienced just such an event who shares both where he went wrong, and some reflections following the event. There is also some guidance from Zoom about how to keep unwanted individuals out of your event

[\(3\) Facebook](#)

[How to Keep Uninvited Guests Out of Your Zoom Event - Zoom Blog](#)



How to reduce your risk on the internet

Protect your email by using a strong and separate password	<i>Cyber criminals can use your email to access many of your personal accounts, leaving you vulnerable to identity theft</i>
Install the latest software and app updates	<i>These contain vital security updates to help protect your devices from cyber theft</i>
Turn on two factor authentication on your email	<i>Helps ensure your data is secure</i>
Use a password manager to help you create and remember your password	
Secure smart phones and tablets with a screen lock	<i>These offer an important extra layer of security</i>
Always back up your most important data	<i>To an external hard drive or a cloud-based storage system</i>



The Children's Code or Age-Appropriate Design

The Children's Code (or Age-Appropriate Design Code to give its formal title) is a statutory data protection code of practice for online services, such as

apps, games, and web and social media sites likely to be accessed by children. It came into force on 2nd September 2020 and organisations now have 12 months to get everything in place.

The code sets out 15 standards for designers of online services and products and how they should comply with data protection law by providing children with a built-in baseline of data protection whenever they download a new app, game or visit a website.

The Children and Youth team are reviewing the code and further information and guidance will be provided next year. In the meantime, for further information please see:

[Children's Code hub | ICO](#)

[710202 the-new-childrens-code.pdf \(emlfiles4.com\)](#)

Another reminder for churches

Please ensure you check the Methodist Coronavirus Safeguarding Considerations page regularly, as it is updated in line with developments.

[Safeguarding Considerations \(methodist.org.uk\)](#)

There you will find links to resources including:

- Guidance for ministers on being safe and transparent online
- Guidance for adults who may not be used to using the internet safely
- The latest guidance on setting up virtual youth groups
- Information for ministers and superintendents on managing safeguarding concerns



Safeguarding Training Update

Online Foundation Module Training

Manchester and Stockport Methodist District has been involved in piloting the online Foundation Module Training and in contributing to the final content.

We are hoping to be in a position to begin to deliver the module early in the New Year after current Foundation Module Trainers who wish to deliver online have been trained and feel competent in managing the sessions online.

Dates will be made available as soon as possible, and bookings will be via Eventbrite.

Manchester and Stockport District has also agreed to pilot the online Advanced Module Training and we are anticipating that this will commence in January 2020

Online Advanced Module Training

News from the Connexion

**From Jonathan Hustler, Secretary of Conference
and Henry Lewis, Chair Safeguarding Committee**

03/12/2020

Further extension to the timescales for completion of safeguarding modules

“Due to the travel and contact restrictions that have been imposed to cope with the spread of Covid 19, the Methodist Church has had to make many changes to its normal programmes and plans.

This has also had an impact for those members, officers and ministers who are required to undertake Foundation and Advanced Module safeguarding training every four years, due to the cancellation of face-to-face training courses.

It has therefore been agreed that, for all those who have reached the four-year point since they last undertook the relevant training, the current temporary extension for this will be extended until 01/06/21.”

Please remember that the Methodist Church does recognise Church of England Safeguarding Training both at Foundation level (previously C1) and Advanced level (previously C2 Leadership).

Reminder

If any of our Ministers, Local Preachers or Worship Leaders have fulfilled this training, please send a scanned copy of the certificate to Helen Bolton, DSO at:

mands@dso.methodist.org.uk

for recording on the database.

Reminder

All local preachers and worship leaders **MUST** have completed the Advanced Module by the end of **August 2021**.

Please remind them of this and support them to attend.

Where possible these groups should be strongly supported and encouraged to attend the online sessions.



Other Information

Keeping children safe in the community and faith settings



Department
for Education

In October the Department for Education (DfE) produced non-statutory guidance aiming to:

- help providers of out-of-school settings (OOSS) understand best practice for creating a safe environment for children in their care
- give parents and carers confidence that their child is in a safe activity or learning environment.

This applies to religious settings offering education in their own faith, culture or religious texts or preparation for rites of passage, such as Jewish yeshivas and chedarim, Muslim madrassahs, Hindu settings, Sikh settings and Christian Sunday schools.

The guidance covers safeguarding best practice in 4 sections:

- Health and safety
- Safeguarding and child protection
- Suitability of staff and volunteers
- Governance

Keeping Children Safe during Community Activities, After-School Clubs and Tuition: Non-statutory guidance for providers running out-of-school settings

[Keeping children safe: code of practice \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)



HM Government

Working together to safeguard children

A guide to inter-agency working to
safeguard and promote the welfare of
children

Updated “Working Together” Statutory Guidance Code

Earlier this month the Statutory Guidance “Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018” was updated with factual changes in relation to information sharing, homelessness duty and references to domestic abuse.

[Working together to safeguard children - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/544207/Working_together_to_safeguard_children_2018.pdf)

**Child Poverty Report
Dec 2020**



The Child Poverty Action Group has released figures which show that, before the coronavirus pandemic, 1.3million school-age children who lived below the UK’s poverty line were not entitled to free school meals. Analysis found that 1.2m children in England below the poverty line are ineligible for free school meals; 45,000 in Scotland, 70,000 in Wales and 20,000 in Northern Ireland. These children are in families in low paid work but do not qualify because of eligibility criteria. CPAG estimates that another 100,000 school children across the UK (who are not covered by universal infant free school meals) are in families with no recourse to public funds because of their immigration status.

[Two in five UK children under the poverty line are not eligible for free school meals | CPAG](#)



**Destitution in the UK
2020**

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) has published a report looking at the nature and extent of destitution across the UK before the coronavirus pandemic, and how those in the poorest households dealt with the added pressure caused by the pandemic. The report finds that:

- more than a million UK households experienced destitution at some point in 2019 - these households contained 2.4 million people, including 550,000 children
- the number of children experiencing destitution had increased by 52% since 2017
- most parents interviewed reported that the coronavirus pandemic had had a negative impact on their children

- several participants flagged the additional costs of having school-aged children at home all day.

[destitution in the uk 2020 - summary findings.pdf](#)

Children's views on well-being and what makes a happy life, UK: ONS, 2020



Key Points

- Feeling loved and having positive, supportive relationships
- feeling safe, with safe places to hang out and meet with friends and a sense of safety at home, in their neighbourhoods, at school and online
- being able to be themselves and express themselves without being judged by others
- school in terms of the physical buildings; environment and culture of the school; teachers and other staff; the learning content and curriculum; and opportunities for extra-curricular activities
- they acknowledged the importance of family finances in meeting basic needs and fostering a sense of social inclusion although, money was not equated with happiness
- in terms of future happiness and well-being, the main areas raised included living in a country at peace and where children's needs are considered by those in positions of power; empowering children to express themselves and have a say in decisions that affect their lives; and preservation of the environment and addressing climate change.

[Children's views on well-being and what makes a happy life, UK: 2020 - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](#)

In case you missed it...

Webinar Slides - Survivor Engagement in Faith-Based Organisations

[survivor-engagement-webinar.pdf](#)

Attached are the slides from a recent SCIE (Social Care Institute for Excellence) webinar.

In light of the recent IICSA (Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse) report, which rightly places real emphasis on the importance of survivor engagement, this offers an opportunity to learn more about what makes good survivor engagement and to hear about some experiences and learning of doing this in practice.

Understanding the needs and experiences of survivors of abuse is crucial for an organisation that is open to learn, welcoming and committed to providing a safe system for all those that are part of it.

Panel

- Simon Bayliss (Senior Practice Development Manager, SCIE)
- Sheila Fish (Head of Learning Together, SCIE)
- Tim Carter (Director of Safeguarding, Methodist Church in Britain)
- Ioannis Athanasiou (Safeguarding Advisor, the United Reform Church)

Webinar Slides - Safeguarding for Trustees of Faith-Based Organisations

[safeguarding-for-trustees.pdf](#)

Attached are the slides from a recent SCIE (Social Care Institute for Excellence) webinar.

Safeguarding within faith-based charities and organisations can be complex, but trustees need to understand the importance of safeguarding, their responsibilities in the governance of safeguarding and to reflect on the effectiveness of their current systems and structures. Good governance is therefore central to the safe culture and practice that are essential for the welfare and safety of those who come into contact with, and benefit from, the organisation's work.

Delivered by Simon Bayliss (Senior Practice Development Manager, SCIE)

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Remember

Copies of all Safeguarding Bulletins can be found on the District Website, together with word and PDF versions of the localised documents for Connexional year 2020-21 and links to Connexional documents.

<http://mandsmethodists.org.uk/governance.html>

If you have any suggestions for content of
future Safeguarding Newsletters please let
Helen know