

## Responsibilities of the District Safeguarding Officer.

*Taken from the model District Safeguarding Policy – updated July 2020*

The DSO has a key role within the Methodist District and is required to:

- i) oversee church, circuit and district compliance with the Methodist Church's safeguarding procedures
- ii) be accessible by churches about all safeguarding issues, be fully involved and oversee all situations of concern including the establishment and review of all safeguarding contracts
- iii) liaise regularly with designated officers of the local authority and the police as necessary
- iv) undertake safeguarding risk assessments for the implementation of safeguarding contracts and relating to specific cases
- v) take a lead on working with individual cases in the district, including representing the Church in meetings with external organisations
- vi) have a clear understanding of the issues facing faith communities as they seek to make their places of worship a safe place for children and vulnerable adults
- vii) be committed to continuing personal development and to the provision of safeguarding training opportunities within the district.

