

Vale of Aylesbury Methodist Circuit Meeting

Safeguarding Report March 2016

After a good deal of consideration, I have decided that for the time being I am willing to be the circuit safeguarding officer if the circuit meeting is agreeable.

In November a meeting of church safeguarding officers was arranged and we had a good discussion of matters of concern

On Saturday 13 February Pete Honeyball and I attended a trainer's refresher course at Roade Methodist Church where we were introduced to a new refresher course for the foundation level of training. This course has been written bearing in mind all that has been learned from the past cases review. For those who don't watch the news or have never heard of any of this The Methodist Church organised a review of all safeguarding cases in the church from the 1950's to the present and 1883 cases were reported.

In our training we learned that all people who were required to take the foundation training, which we organised in the circuit from 2012 to 2014, need to take a refresher course every 5 years if they wish to continue in their role. This means that we will have to organise training sessions in different parts of circuit for people to take the refresher course starting next year.

I am sure you will all be aware that the model policies both for churches and circuits have been rewritten and considerably changed in the light of these changes and the fact that we need to review the circuit safeguarding policy annually I have amended the newest recommended circuit policy so that it reflects our needs and practice and propose that we adopt it this evening.

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