

**WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH CENTRE:
SAFEGUARDING POLICY SUMMARY FOR LETTINGS AND KEYHOLDERS**

In accordance with the principles and guidance of the Methodist Church, Wesley Methodist Church Centre is committed to ensuring that the church provides a Safe Space for all, and particularly for children, young people and vulnerable adults, for whom we have a special responsibility.

As a keyholder, or as a representative of a group which uses our space, we ask you to sign up to the Methodist Church's Safeguarding Principles. We ask you to do this whether or not you have a policy of your own. Wesley's policy can be found on the notice board by the window in the foyer. This policy is reviewed annually in June and is in line with the Methodist Church's Model Policy. Our list of Keyholders and Group Lettings is reviewed annually in January.

Should any safeguarding concerns arise in connection with your group or activity, please contact any of the following church safeguarding officers:

Revd Neil Stacey (Superintendent Minister), Wesley Methodist Church (01244 675967)
Jane Krause (Church Safeguarding Officer), Wesley Methodist Church (01244 323037)
Chris Lewis (Chester and Stoke Methodist District Safeguarding Officer) (07305 141501 – 24 hours)

The following is a summary of the principles underpinning our policy:

We are committed to:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.

We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with safer recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.

We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that a child, young person or adult may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.

We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.

We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.

We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our Church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.

For further information, go to:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/safeguarding/>

This website contains all of the guidance, policy and training information on safeguarding in the Methodist Church.