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SAFEGUARDING

NEWSLETTER

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the first Mini Newsletter from the Safeguarding Team at the Northern and Yorkshire Synods. This will come to you on the last Wednesday of each month and we hope you will be able to circulate the information in it via your church notices the following Sunday. This month we are sending this out early in order to ensure you have the latest training dates. We are also interested to know what you would like included in this newsletter. If there are queries you have relating to safeguarding then we would be happy to include information. We are also keen to hear your good news and good practice stories.

TRAINING DATES

If you wish to book a place, please let Paula which course and the date you wish to attend (paulakitson.1and4@urc.org.uk)

The Zoom invite will be sent by Paula shortly before the course starts.

Foundation Training can be accessed at any time [here](#)

All information for denomination wide bespoke courses can be found [here](#)

Intermediate Training – via Zoom

1. Tuesday 11th June 10am
2. Thursday 27th June 7pm
3. Monday 16th September 10am
4. Wednesday 20th November 1pm

Advanced Training – via Zoom, both parts must be completed.

1. Monday 25th November 2024 @ 1pm
2. Monday 2nd December 2024 @ 1pm

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Refresher Training – via zoom

1. Thursday 25th July 2024 @ 10am
2. Tuesday 13th August 2024 @ 1pm
3. Wednesday 25th September 2024 @ 7pm
4. Saturday 16th November 2024 @ 10am

Advanced Training face to face

1. Tuesday 29th October 2024 @ Waddington Durham commencing at 1pm
2. Wednesday 30th October 2024 @ Herringthorpe Sheffield commencing at 5pm.

CODES OF CONDUCT

Please ensure that people in the roles below have seen the relevant code of conduct. This is an important part of ensuring safeguarding is followed in these roles.

Code of Conduct for those working with Under 18s [C1.pdf \(urc.org.uk\)](#).

Code of conduct for working with adults (over 18s) [C2.pdf \(urc.org.uk\)](#).

Code of conduct for Elders can be found [here](#)

SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTERS FROM THE DENOMINATION

Did you know the Central URC Safeguarding team produce a quarterly newsletter? Previous copies can be found below. These should be circulated and shared with the wider church. It may be that there is information in this newsletter that could be shared with the Elder's meetings or the Church meeting.

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DEALING WITH FINANCES

We are aware that a lot of older people who are struggling to get to cash points or out to shops are often giving their debit cards to members of the church. Obviously this opens people up to potential allegations and the potential for fraudulent activity. We want to ensure that everyone is vigilant to the possibilities of financial abuse and we want to protect members of the church where possible.

Any matters where money is exchanged is down to those involved, however we would like to suggest the following guidance.

If you are asked to provide cash from your own account in exchange for a bank transfer then you may wish to sit with the person who is transferring the money whilst they make the transaction before the cash is handed to them.

Please ensure receipts are provided for cash that is removed from another person's account using their debit card. You may wish to take another person to the cash point with you for enhanced transparency.

Please make someone in the church aware if you are being asked to use someone else's bank card to withdraw cash for them.

Consider setting up a "Pre-pay" debit card (in the name of the carer) specifically for this purpose. The individual or their family could transfer an amount of money onto the card which the carers could then use on their behalf. This would stop the carer having potential access to all the individual's funds and also make everything more transparent as everything spent on that card would be for that purpose (not mixed in with other finances). Tesco Bank does such a card with no monthly fees.