**Safeguarding Annual Report**

There were no reported safeguarding incidents in the SEP in 2023.

The safeguarding leads met on three occasions in 2023, January (on Zoom) with May and September being held in person. These meetings are largely to inform the group of any changes in and updates to safeguarding policy.

Nicola Martyn-Beck made the group aware of situation which arose in one of the circuit’s churches involving an older member of the church and a younger man who had taken financial advantage as an example potential safeguarding issue which we may not necessarily be aware of happening.

We said goodbye to Nicola during 2023 and Edson Dube has taken over as Circuit Superintendent

If anyone requires safeguarding training, either Foundation or advanced which is now on offer as face to face in the Milton Keynes area, please contact me or your safeguarding representative. Training can then be arranged through the safeguarding MK Safeguarding officer.

It has been proposed that we adopt the Anglican Safeguarding System administered through the Diocese.

Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility so please stay alert and report anything you think could be suspicious.

Maggie Prisk

March 2024