

## Safeguarding Report 2024

At the SEP AGM it was agreed that the Partnership would move from the Methodist to Anglican Safeguarding System. This was completed in early November. With the Christmas season pending, further work on this largely went quiet until the early part of 2025.

This change has been accepted reluctantly by the Methodist safeguarding group in Milton Keynes, largely as they felt there might be issues overlooked from the hand over. This has now been dealt with and those of us involved in safeguarding are grateful to the Methodist group for all their hard work particularly in relation to training and DBS checking.

Since that time access to the Dashboard has been granted to a number of safeguarding leads in individual churches. An SEP safeguarding hub has also been set up and has met once.

Phil Dunning, Gill Wood, Chi Okpala and Gill Grant are all now DBS verifiers.

Diocesan training is online and a number of safeguarding leads have completed this.

I am thankful to Penny Miller for all her help and support in working through the Anglican systems and finding necessary support and guidance which she willingly shares.

There have been no safeguarding issues reported, with the exception of a situation which was dealt with in house. This was prior to the hand over and all paperwork has been secured.

As of this AGM I am standing down as SEP safeguarding lead.

I am grateful to all for the help I have received. I took this on in lieu of no one else coming forward to do it, I believe it may be at least 7/8 years ago and have continued by default. Penny offered to continue alongside me, but I believe this role is not in my skill set and I feel others are much better placed to continue in this role. Again, I offer my thanks to all who have supported me in this role.

Maggie Prisk

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