

July 2024

Summer has finally arrived and what have we been up to in safeguarding.....our Training and Development Coordinator has developed a new course around safeguarding children, the Church House safeguarding team welcomes a new member staff and the entire safeguarding team comprising also Synod Safeguarding Officers met together for an annual safeguarding residential.

Good Practice 6 (GP6) Resources

Recent additions include an update to the safeguarding clauses in Letting Agreements for groups or organisations who use UR Church facilities. <https://urc.org.uk/safeguarding/safeguarding-resources>

Disclosure and Barring Service

DBS Update Service - we are currently drafting guidance on using the DBS Update Service for churches that may want to do this. The guidance should be available in the autumn.

A Note on Basic DBS Checks - a number of DBS roles instigated by churches and synods require a basic check. These are currently:

- Church Administrator
- Church Caretaker or Cleaner
- Church Treasurer
- Synod Treasurer
- Synod Trustee

These checks do incur a charge of £18 which needs to be paid for by the applicant in order to complete the application. Be assured that this is not a charge from Due Diligence Checking (DDC) but rather the Disclosure and Barring Service. Please do ask the applicant to pay the fee and, where appropriate,

Training Update

Training Review Group - the group met in June to discuss all aspects of safeguarding training, from participation and publicity, to monitoring training attendance and course content. This is ever evolving within the safeguarding training framework. At each meeting of Training Review Group we welcome a member of a local church to join us. If you are interested in joining a meeting to give any feedback on safeguarding training then please contact carrie.kaunda@urc.org.uk

Safeguarding Courses via Zoom

These courses are delivered on Zoom and open to the entire denomination. The list of dates and times for 2024 is available on the Safeguarding pages on the URC [website](#) under 'Training Dates for the Whole Denomination'. To book, please email emma.pearce@urc.org.uk with your name/church/role and your course(s) and dates.

New Course – Safeguarding Children and Young People

Due to popular demand our Training and Development Co-ordinator has developed a new

Audit development working group

The URC's Safeguarding Committee are committed to ensuring that throughout the Church we work in line with our safeguarding policies, procedures, and

