

**Safeguarding Concern Privacy Notice
(Contributor or Reporting person)**

1. Why have I been given a Privacy Notice?

You have been given this privacy notice because you have provided information about yourself and/or others that indicates that there may be a safeguarding concern known to you or relevant to your engagement with the Methodist Church. The Church is committed to the protection of your rights under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. This notice will inform you of your rights and provide information about how we hold and use your personal and criminal offence data.

2. What is personal and criminal offence data?

Personal data is information, which indirectly or directly allows you to be identified via circumstances or specific details. It may include personal data such as names, addresses and dates of birth and special category personal data such as information about sexual life, political affiliation or health. Criminal offence data includes information about allegations, proceedings and convictions. Both personal, special category and criminal offence data may be processed in the course of responding to a safeguarding concern.

3. How do we process your data?

In compliance with the GDPR, the Methodist Church makes the following commitments about the processing of your data:

- Information will not be processed beyond what is necessary for the safeguarding process.
- Data about you will be kept up-to-date and records amended to address factual inaccuracies as soon as possible.
- We will store information securely, with the use of sufficient measures to protect your data from unauthorised access, loss or misuse.
- We will destroy data that is no longer required in a safe and appropriate manner.

We use personal data and criminal data to assess and manage any safeguarding risks which may be relevant to your engagement with the Methodist Church or the involvement of any other party about whom you have provided information. This may include making further inquiries, risk assessment or putting safeguarding measures in place to ensure the safety of those engaging with the organisation.

4. What is the lawful basis for processing your personal, special category and criminal offence data?

- Processing is necessary in the substantive public interest for the protection of an under 18 or an over 18 at risk from neglect, physical or emotional harm according to the Data Protection Act 2018, Part (18)
- Processing is necessary in the substantive public interest for the prevention or detection of an unlawful act according to the Data Protection Act 2018, Part 2 (10).
- Processing of safeguarding information is necessary to comply with a legal obligation, including Working Together to Safeguard Children (2015).

5. Sharing your personal, special category and criminal offence data

a) Within the Methodist Church

Your data will be held in confidence and will be shared only where necessary with appropriate parties within the Methodist Church to assess and manage a safeguarding risk. It is currently envisaged that personal and criminal data (**delete as appropriate**) about you and your circumstances will need to be shared with the following parties within the church:

(Delete as appropriate dependent on circumstances of the report)

- church/circuit/district/Connexional safeguarding officers
- parties in oversight, pastoral charge or line management of any individual deemed to be a safeguarding risk

- Members of a Methodist Church Safeguarding Panel
- Members of Monitoring and Support Group convened to oversee the engagement in the Methodist Church of a person deemed to be a safeguarding risk.
- Those managing a complaints, discipline or employment processes relating to a person deemed to present a safeguarding risk

b) With statutory agencies and other organisations

The Methodist Church will share safeguarding information with statutory agencies and other organisations including police, probation, local authority designated officers, children and adult services, as provided for by the General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018. This will be in line with the principles of Working Together to Safeguard Children (2015) and Information sharing: advice for practitioners providing safeguarding services (2015). This may include referral to DBS (Vetting and Barring) or the Charity Commission where necessary.

6. How long do we keep your personal data?

Information relating to safeguarding concerns will be retained for 75 years in compliance with the Methodist Church Safeguarding Policy, Procedure & Guidance.

7. Your rights and your personal data

You have the following rights with respect to your personal data in relation to data held about you relating to safeguarding: -

- The right to request a copy of personal data held by the Methodist Church about you;
- The right to request that the Methodist Church corrects any personal data if it is found to be inaccurate or out of date;
- The right to request your personal data is erased where it is no longer necessary for Methodist Church to retain such data;
- The right, where there is a dispute in relation to the accuracy or processing of your personal data, to request a restriction is placed on further processing;
- The right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioners Office;
- The right to know the categories of information held about you, if information has been provided by a third party.

8. Further processing

If it is necessary to process your data beyond the functions or parties outlined in this privacy notice, you will be provided with an additional privacy notice, prior to the processing, where possible. It should be noted that such a notification may be subject to delay to avoid impacting actions undertaken by statutory agencies or internal complaints, discipline or safeguarding processes.

9. Contact Details

The Data Controller in relation to safeguarding matters is the Methodist Church for Great Britain. Further contact in relation to matters relating to data protection in safeguarding:

The Governance Adviser
Conference Office
Methodist Church House
25 Marylebone Road
London NW1 5JR

conferenceoffice@methodistchurch.org.uk

Safeguarding Concern Information Receipt

(Contributor/Reporting person)

I, (name) confirm that on (date)

- I have been provided with a privacy notice, which gives details of the legal basis for processing my personal data and my data rights. It also contains information as to how my data will be stored, retained and shared.
- That I may obtain a copy of information held by the Methodist Church about me by applying to the Methodist Church of Great Britain via a Subject Access Request under the General Data Protection Regulation.
- That I have been offered the opportunity to access pastoral support and that I will advise a safeguarding officer or minister in pastoral charge.

Please delete as appropriate:

I **would/ would not** like a pastoral supporter to be nominated for me or for a relevant family member

I prefer correspondence about the safeguarding concern to be sent by **email/ letter/ both**

I **prefer/ prefer not** to be contacted via phone about the safeguarding concern.

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(signed)

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(date)