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| **Role Description for: Member of the Manchester and Stockport**  **Methodist District Safeguarding Group (DSG)**  |
| **Responsible to**  | Independent Chair of the Manchester and Stockport Methodist DSG, Chair of District  |
| **Key Relationships**  | District Safeguarding Officer, Other Members of the District Safeguarding Group, all members of Manchester and Stockport Methodist District  |
| **Term of appointment**  | Initially for three years, with a possible extension of a further three years  |
| **Renumeration**  | Although no salary is paid for this role, costs and expenses will be agreed prior to appointment  |
| **Role Purpose**  | To support the work of the Manchester and Stockport Methodist DSG, including taking a key role in specific strands of activity or individual pieces of work.  |
| **Background**  | *Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Guidance for the Methodist* *Church in Britain (2 July 2020)* demands that the Chair and the District Council provide support and oversight for Manchester and Stockport Methodist District in implementing safeguarding policies and procedures in local churches and circuits. The District Safeguarding Group (DSG) is the group established to deliver this support and oversight and is responsible for the strategic development of safeguarding, in line with local and national requirements. It is also responsible for understanding local safeguarding need and for responding to and reviewing policy and procedural queries.  |
| **Role Description**  | To contribute professional experience of safeguarding children, young people and/or vulnerable adults To support the work of the DSG To contribute towards progressing local safeguarding activity To prepare for, attend and take forward actions from quarterly DSG meetings To take the lead in specific activities/workstreams and share the results with the DSG |

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| **Person Specification for: Member of the Manchester and Stockport**  **Methodist District Safeguarding Group**  |
| **Qualifications, Knowledge and Experience**  | **Essential or Desirable**  | **How** **assessed\***  |
| Relevant professional experience in safeguarding *e.g*. *social work, health, teaching, law, police, faith organisation, voluntary organisation*  | E  | App Refs  |
| Relevant up to date training in child and/or adult safeguarding as a minimum at foundation level  | E   | App  |
| **Required Skills, Abilities and Competencies**  |
| Good IT skills.  | E  | App IV  |
| Good interpersonal and communication skills  | E  | App IV  |
| **Other**  |   |   |
| An active minister/member of the Methodist Church within the Manchester and Stockport Methodist District  | D  | App  |
| Is or has been a Church Safeguarding Officer and/or a Circuit Safeguarding Officer and/or a Safeguarding trainer in the Methodist Church  | D  | App  |
| Knowledge and experience of Connexional safeguarding policies  | E  | IV  |
| Knowledge and experience of safeguarding within a faith setting  | E  | IV  |