

Safeguarding Policies: Report of the Council Scrutiny Group

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Status of Paper	Final
Action Required	Approval
Resolutions	12/1. The Council receives the report. 12/2. The Council approves the safeguarding policies which have been circulated, subject to minor textual and editorial amendments.

The Council, at its meeting in October 2016, appointed a scrutiny group to undertake the detailed scrutiny of the revised safeguarding policies on its behalf.

The group comprised Mrs Carolyn Lawrence, Mrs Anne Pryke and the Revd David Shirtliff. The members of the group each considered the full set of policies in detail. Having done so, they identified some typographical errors and inconsistencies in relation to capitalisation. The group also made some comments in relation to cross-referencing other work, such as the decision of the 2016 Conference to change the required frequency for designated training to every four years, and the outworking of Notice of Motion 2016/202 regarding worship leaders and local preachers who are no longer exercising public ministry.

All the comments of the group were passed to the connexional safeguarding team, who have taken them into account as the work has progressed on the final version of the text. The group is supportive of the substance of the policies, and, with the assurance that detailed editorial work is yet to be undertaken, it now recommends to the Council that the policies be adopted.

Members of the Council will be sent a set of the policies electronically prior to the meeting of the Council, to enable the Council to be clear about what is being approved. However, given the scrutiny which has been undertaken on behalf of the Council, it is not expected that there will be a lengthy discussion of the content of the policies at the meeting.

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