

Dear Friends,

EMBA Safeguarding Developments – June 2018

We would like to introduce **Dave Bedford** and **Alan Davies** as our **new EMBA Safeguarding Advisers**. Both Dave and Alan have professional safeguarding backgrounds and are already BU trained Safeguarding Trainers.



Dave Bedford

I have been a social worker for 40 years, mainly working with children and families.

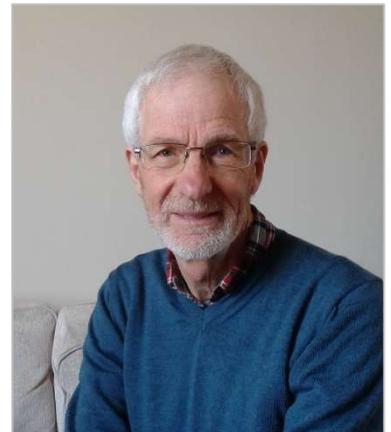
I now work part time as a Safeguarding Adviser for the Diocese of Coventry.

I am the Designated Person for Safeguarding at Whetstone Baptist Church and a Safeguarding Trainer for the EMBA.

I am a down to earth Christian and plain speaking communicator.

Alan Davies

I trained as a social worker/probation officer in 1973 and practiced as a probation officer in Nottinghamshire for 13yrs. I then moved to a post with the NSPCC as a child protection officer where I spent 9yrs following this up with 20 yrs working for the NHS as a clinician in Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services. As well as assessing and treating the children referred to the out patient clinic as part of a multi-disciplinary team, I was responsible for a specialism working with children whose sexual behaviour had caused concerns. I continued working part-time after retirement finally leaving my post in 2015 by which time my clientele was largely drawn from a children's secure unit.



Going forward Dave and Alan, will be the Safeguarding Leads for the Association and manage all Association Safeguarding cases in conjunction with the Regional Ministers who will be able to provide pastoral support to churches. Going forward it is hoped that the Association will be able to grow a larger team of BU trained Safeguarding Trainers to maximise the support we can offer to our EMBA Churches in the area of safeguarding.

In light of the above changes please find attached a new and revised **EMBA Safeguarding Procedure for churches**. Please could we ask that a copy of this procedure is displayed in a prominent location within your church. Please do also make your leaders/trustees and Designated Person for Safeguarding aware of these changes. Thank you!

DBS Checks for Ministers in Pastoral Charge of an EMBA Church

Until now, EMBA have only processed DBS checks for BU accredited ministers, unaccredited ministers DBS checks being processed via their local church.

However, our EMBA Directors have recently taken the decision that going forward EMBA will process the DBS checks for ALL ministers in pastoral charge of an EMBA Church, irrespective of whether a minister is accredited or unaccredited.

Please could we therefore ask that ALL ministers in pastoral charge of an EMBA Church now contact Becky Nicholls (EMBA Administrative Support) email: bnicholls.emba@gmail.com to organise their DBS check at the point it is due for renewal.

Please note DBS checks need to be renewed every FIVE YEARS.

If you are not a BU accredited minister it would be helpful if you could email Becky with your current DBS check information thereby consenting to the Association holding details of your DBS Check. We require your **DBS certificate number and issue date**. Once the EMBA have processed your DBS check and your information is recorded we will be able to issue reminders when future renewals are due.

BUGB 'Excellence in Safeguarding' Training

ALL ministers in pastoral charge of an EMBA Church need to complete Level 2 AND 3 'Excellence in Safeguarding' Training.

ALL Leaders/Deacons/Trustees and the Designated Person for Safeguarding (DPS) of an EMBA Church should complete Level 2 AND 3.

ALL who work with children, young people and vulnerable adults should complete Level 2 training.

Please note Safeguarding Training needs to be renewed every FOUR YEARS.

Details of training dates are available on the EMBA Website.

Would your church like to host a future Safeguarding Training?

If your church:

- has a car park/can arrange parking in close proximity
- can accommodate up to 40 people in a café-style layout
- can provide AV/PA support on the day

please contact Becky Nicholls at safeguarding.emba@gmail.com