



NORTH WEST ENGLAND METHODIST DISTRICT

The North West England District is delighted to announce the appointment of two new District Safeguarding Officers. Jack Watson will start on September 2nd and will cover Lancashire. Julie Paterson started on July 22nd and will cover Cumbria.

Rev Jackie Bellfield, the Chair of the Interview Panel, said, "We are thrilled to welcome both Julie and Jack to the NWED Safeguarding Team. They both bring great skills and enthusiasm into these roles which will enable the further flourishing of the team."

Jack Watson, District Safeguarding Officer, Lancashire



Jack's entire professional career has been focused on safeguarding. Following the completion of a PGCE in Primary Education, he worked as a teacher across Liverpool. Subsequently, he joined the Methodist Church as a Children's Worker, eventually becoming the Circuit Safeguarding Officer for three circuits. In addition to his role with the church, he has been supporting the work of charities and local councils, and he is currently pursuing an MSc in Safeguarding. Away from safeguarding, Jack has a BA in music and regularly performs across the North West. Email: watsonj.dso@nwedmethodists.org.uk

If anyone in Lancashire has a concern about a safeguarding issue before the beginning of September, they can contact either Helen Bolton mands@dso.methodist.org.uk or Christine Kennedy kennedyc@methodistchurch.org.uk

Julie Paterson – District Safeguarding Officer, Cumbria



Julie joins the Methodist Church on the back of 20 years' service as a Probation Officer in Cumbria where she specialised in public protection work and risk management, a move that Julie describes as a calling from God to transition into safeguarding. Alongside her career Julie also runs an established beauty and skincare business and is soon to gain a qualification in facial massage. Outside work, you can find Julie enjoying live music and musical theatre. Email: patersonj.dso@nwedmethodists.org.uk