

Safe Church FOUNDATIONS (MINISTRY AGENTS)

Question 1: What is the relationship between abuse and harm?

- ☐ Abuse and harm mean the same thing – either word can describe the action or impact of the action.
- ☐ Abuse is the action taking place; harm is the impact of that action.
- ☐ Abuse is the action taking place; harm is *only* the emotional response to the action.

Question 2: Ministry Agents (with a stipend) and those available for supply are required to have a Child and Youth Risk Management Strategy. What is the best way to comply with the legislation?

- ☐ Adopt the Safe Church framework as their own through signing a Statement of Commitment. A copy is sent to their Presbytery and Church Council.
- ☐ Adopt the Safe Church framework as their own through signing a Statement of Commitment. A copy is not shared this with anyone.
- ☐ Create their own Child and Youth Risk Management Strategy. A copy is sent to their Presbytery and Church Council.

Question 3: Grooming refers to actions deliberately undertaken with the aim of befriending and establishing an emotional connection with a young or vulnerable person, to lower their inhibitions in preparation for sexual activity. Would parents and other adults also be groomed?

- ☐ Yes – to create a situation where the perpetrator can sexually abuse the young or vulnerable person.
- ☐ No – Only young or vulnerable people are groomed.

Question 4: Which of the following would be an example of acceptable behaviour?

- ☐ Using language and prayer to create ongoing guilt and self-blame.
- ☐ Showing favouritism.
- ☐ Asking for help and support.
- ☐ All of the above.

Question 5: Which of the following is **NOT** a sign of possible sexual abuse?

- ☐ Unexplained injuries to sexual body parts.
- ☐ Refusing to talk about 'secrets'.
- ☐ Gifts that are easily explained, such as for a birthday.
- ☐ Overly sexualised themes in artwork.

Question 6: Which of the following is an appropriate way to respond to a person disclosing about abuse?

- ☐ Tell them you do not believe it happened.
- ☐ Take a statement and do not share with the Synod Office nor the Police.
- ☐ Listen supportively, letting them take their time and use their own words.
- ☐ Provide no follow-up conversation nor offer further support.