

Role Description – The Nominated Third Party of a Probationer

As a Nominated Third Party I am accountable to the Methodist Church for the ministry I exercise in this role.

As a Nominated Third Party I am responsible for:

- Receiving the Agreed Records of those named persons who are being supervised by the agreed person accredited to supervise under the Methodist policy
- Periodically reviewing these Agreed Records to ensure that
 - Regular supervision is taking place
 - They attend to areas of ministerial life pivotal to ensuring the probationer is ready for ordination and to be received into Full Connexion.
 - Issues of risk are being attended to
 - Formal actions are being followed up
- Raising issues with the Supervisor concerned if I am seeing evidence that
 - There is insufficient attention to the boundaries of supervision, e.g. supervision is being used to deal with oversight matters
 - Bullying might be happening within the supervisory relationship
 - Fitness to practice issues might not be being named or tackled
 - Supervisions are not taking place
 - The focus of the supervisions (over time) is too narrow or is directed towards matters that need referral elsewhere, e.g. counselling or spiritual direction
 - Paperwork is not being completed in a timely way

If the Nominated Third Party is the Supervisor of the Supervisor such concerns should properly be raised in Supervision of Supervision. If the Nominated Third Party is not the Supervisor's Supervisor then a particular occasion should be made to discuss any concerns.

If the Nominated Third Party is not satisfied with the responses they receive they should report their concerns to the District Chair/equivalent on whose Supervision Implementation Plan they are named, or to the dedicated Ministerial Development Officer.

This is currently Jane Bingham binghamj@methodistchurch.org.uk