



Confidentiality, Accountability & Safeguarding

Bethel Sozo, as a ministry, originates at Bethel Church, Redding, USA.

The founders of the ministry, Dawna DeSilva & Teresa Liebscher, appoint trusted and proven practitioners as National Facilitators (known as Directors in the UK) to lead and oversee the ministry for that country.

In the UK this ministry serves as Bethel Sozo UK (BSUK) and is a church-based ministry with Christine West as the National Facilitator / Director. Christine West is responsible for the National oversight and integrity of the ministry.

Christine West, or one of the approved Facilitators, is responsible for validating church Sozo team leaders as competent in the use of the Sozo tools. Once validated, church Sozo team members serve accountable to their own home church leaders. It follows that no-one offering BSUK ministry does so accountable to the charitable entity, Bethel Sozo UK or its leaders / ministers.

Confidentiality in a Sozo ministry session is one of the ministry's core values. That said, safeguarding concerns that emerge during a Sozo ministry session must be handled in accordance with the team's home church safeguarding protocols (in the same way as any other ministry offered by the church). This must be made clear to the client / guest during the introduction at the start of the ministry session.

Given that the ministry serves within the ministers' own church protocols, including Safeguarding as it relates children, young people, and vulnerable adults, any relevant concerns (as defined by their church safeguarding protocols) must be referred to the home church's safeguarding officer/s. They will refer to Christine West for National Sozo related issues / practice as they see fit.

If safeguarding concerns are expressed directly to Christine West, she will refer these to the local church safeguarding officer for their resolution / action in keeping with their own safeguarding protocols. Christine West will raise any concerns that she has about the integrity of the local ministry with the local Sozo team leaders or church leaders as appropriate.

It is expected that any complaints will be resolved at that local level. Should a complaint remain unresolved, after that local referral and process has completed, individuals may contact the Bethel Sozo UK leadership, by email at safeguarding@bethelsozo.org.uk. They will consult with the local church's leadership, the UK national leadership team and UK Trustees as appropriate. The UK leadership reserve the right to refer a matter directly to the relevant authorities should they believe that a safeguarding issue is not dealt with appropriately at that local level.