

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

1. For draft Regulation 3, do you agree with the proposed arrangements for the recruitment and selection of members of the Safeguarders Panel?

Yes, agree. The proposed arrangements are in line with current Recruitment and Selection Procedures at East Ayrshire. With regards to the issue of insufficient Safeguarders in certain areas, I would suggest that if the proposal is to establish a National Panel of Safeguarders, would it not be appropriate for any Safeguarder to be appointed to a hearing.

2. In respect of draft regulation 5(2) and 5(3), do you agree with the suggested prerequisites for appointment to the safeguarders panel?

Do not see the requirement for current Safeguarders to apply and complete the pre-application training. All current East Ayrshire Safeguarders have gone through a recruitment and selection process and have completed induction training.

3. In respect of draft regulation 5(4), do you agree with the proposed classes of persons disqualified from appointment, or from continuing as a member of the Safeguarders Panel?

Yes agree.

4. Based on draft regulation 7(1) & 7(2), do you agree with the basis on which the Scottish Ministers must appoint and reappoint a person as a member of the Safeguarders Panel?

Yes agree, is in line with appointment and re-appointments to the Children's Panel.

5. In considering draft regulation 7(4), do you conclude that the grounds on which a person may be removed from the Safeguarders Panel are sufficiently wide?

Yes, brings the procedure in line with that of Children's Panel membership.

6. Do you support the requirements set out in draft regulation 8 – that mean that members and prospective members of the safeguarders panel must attend (and successfully complete) training required by the Scottish Ministers?

Yes agree because in-service training is crucial for maintaining a standard and again brings the safeguarders in line with Children's Panel members who require to attend a set number of in-service training sessions

7. Do you support the proposals set out at draft regulation 10 for the payment of fees, expenses and allowances to members and potential members of the Safeguarders Panel?

Yes

8. Do you agree with the proposed arrangements set out at draft regulation 11(4) and (5) for the monitoring and assessment of the performance of members of the safeguarders panel? Are they realistic and proportionate?

Yes as again this is in line with the Children's Panel members who are frequently monitored.