

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

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

Yes

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

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

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

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?

The proposal is that pre appointment training with an induction element will be required. The proposal is that safeguarders who have 'recently' completed induction training will not be required to attend the induction element. I am of the view that 'recently' should be defined using a time frame for the purposes of clarity.

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?

I am of the view that Safeguarders should not be prevented from being used by different local authorities i.e. they should not be limited to the local authority in which they work or reside. Some Safeguarders may wish to advise of the particular local authority in which they wish to receive

appointments, some may be open to receiving appointments from any local authority. There should be no restriction for safeguarders in this.

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
