

The Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 Safeguarder Panel Regulations 2012



RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM

Please Note this form **must** be returned with your response to ensure that we handle your response appropriately

1. Name/Organisation

Organisation

Highland Children's Panel & Highland Council Child Protection Committee

Title Mr Ms Mrs Miss Dr *Please tick as appropriate*

Surname

Morrison

Forename

Rhona

2. Postal Address

Children's Panel Office

Highland Council Buildings

Glenurquhart Rd.

Inverness

Postcode IV3 5NX

Phone
01463702190

Email
rhonamorrison@highland.gov.uk

3. Permissions - I am responding as...

Individual

/

Group/Organisation

Please tick as appropriate

(a)	Do you agree to your response being made available to the public (in Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site)? <i>Please tick as appropriate</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	(c)	The name and address of your organisation will be made available to the public (in the Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site). Are you content for your response to be made available? <i>Please tick as appropriate</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
(b)	Where confidentiality is not requested, we will make your responses available to the public on the following basis <i>Please tick ONE of the following boxes</i>		
	Yes, make my response, name and address all available <input type="checkbox"/>		
	or		
	Yes, make my response available, but not my name and address <input type="checkbox"/>		
	or		
	Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address <input type="checkbox"/>		
(d)	We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise? <i>Please tick as appropriate</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

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?

Comments 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?

Comments 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?

Comments Agree with the addition that LA Social Work Employees should be disqualified from such an appointment.

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?

Comments 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?

Comments Agree

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?

Comments Agree this is crucial

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?

Comments 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?

Comments While it is agreed that monitoring and assessment of performance

is most necessary, it is not agreed that the contractors should carry out this duty and if this is to be the case clarity as to how this is going to be achieved is necessary. Service users ie. Courts and Children's Panel must be consulted to ensure that reports with clear recommendations in the best interest of the child are being provided, when monitoring and assessments are carried out.