

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



RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM

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3. Permissions - I am responding as...

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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)?

Please tick as appropriate Yes No

(b) Where confidentiality is not requested, we will make your responses available to the public on the following basis

Please tick ONE of the following boxes

Yes, make my response, name and address all available

or

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or

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(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?

Please tick as appropriate Yes No

(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?

Please tick as appropriate Yes 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?

We agree that recruitment and selection should be through a consistent and transparent process and the process should be in keeping with the requirements for public sector appointments.

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

We agree with the suggested prerequisites for appointment to the Safeguarders panel. We would in addition suggest that appointees should be able to demonstrate that they are able to work to strict timetables.

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?

We agree with the proposed classes of persons who will be disqualified from appointment or from continuing as members of the Safeguarders Panel.

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?

We agree with the proposed basis on which Scottish Ministers must appoint and reappoint a person as a member.

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?

We agree that the grounds on which a person may be removed should be consistent with those dealing with the removal of children's panel members

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?

We agree that members and prospective members must attend and successfully complete appropriate training.

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?

We agree that payment and expenses to member should be consistent throughout the country.

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?

We agree generally with the proposal that Safeguarders should be monitored and assessed. We are however unable to fully comment until we have had an opportunity of considering who the contractors are likely to be, what there qualifications are to monitor and assess and the standards that will be set for such assessment.