

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS – Response from North Ayrshire CPC

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

North Ayrshire CPC agree in part, there was some concern over ministers being able to nominate. Selection should be consistent and transparent therefore 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?

Yes, it is essential that safeguarders are capable of meeting competencies. This should also strengthen and standardise future appointments.

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?

NACPC are in agreement with proposed classes and satisfied that a code of conduct would be beneficial in the new process.

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?

NACPC are in agreement with these arrangements.

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?

This part could have been clearer, the assumption at NACPC is that all checking mechanisms on suitability and any changes highlighted by PVG are also taken into account, as well as practice issues.

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?

NACPC agree with this in principle, it would be essential that the safeguarder completed and maintained relevant knowledge and skills.

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?

NACPC is in agreement with this proposal

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?

NACPC is in agreement with this proposal and the monitoring and quality assurance of reports. The views of those interviewed e.g. parent/child should also be sought on the experience itself not the outcome.