

## CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

### POSSIBLE FEES OPTIONS FOR SAFEGUARDERS

Question 1: Do you agree that the current fee scheme should be abolished and replaced?

Yes  No

#### Comments

There is an unfair inconsistency that exists across Scotland and if there is to be one panel then there should be one set of fees.

Question 2: Which of the fees options (1 - 4) would you support?

Option 1  Option 2  (IN PART) Option 3  Option 4

#### Comments

This option gives a standard set of fees and takes into account the various components and complexities of the work being done.

However as a whole, it is still too complicated and unwieldy, making it open to confusion.

Question 3: Do you have a suggestion as to alternative method of fees payments? If so, please provide details.

Comments

**Children's Hearings**

**Appointment Fees** (The amounts given are purely for illustrative purposes)

Appointment Fee for and individual child	£400
Additional Fee for additional children living together (This would be one set fee, despite number of children)	£100
Additional Fee for Additional child living separately	£200
Fee for continued Hearings	£200

**Attendance Fees**

Per Hearing, irrespective of number of children (or their living arrangements)	£200
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**Sheriff Courts**

<b>Appointment Fee</b>	£400
Additional children living together (This would be one set fee, despite number of children)	£100
Additional Fee for Additional child living separately	£200
Fee for continued Hearings	£200

**Attendance Fee**

Per Court Diet, irrespective of number of children (or their living arrangements)	£200
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**EXPENSES AND ALLOWANCES FOR SAFEGUARDERS**

Question 4: Do you accept the proposal to apply Scottish Government Rates for expenses and allowances?

Yes  No  (if you have answered 'No' please give your reasons below)

Comments

Question 5: Are there other expenses or allowances you would like to be added to the proposed list?

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**i.e. Travel to Norwich and back, due to weather conditions took 48 hours**

Question 6: If you support an alternative set of expenses and allowances, please provide detail.

Comments