

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



RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM

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Please tick as appropriate Yes No

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Please tick ONE of the following boxes

Yes, make my response, name and address all available

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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?

This change to a national panel is very welcome. Nomination should be transparent process. Do not think it appropriate for ministerial nominations. Perhaps young people should also be involved in the selection process as is anticipated for panel members.

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

In agreement with some suggested recruitment provisions, there is a need to have an agreed level of experience, and ability to meet required competences. Ability to communicate effectively with children essential

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?

Need for a code of conduct and should not be able to serve within an AST if there are linked to it in any way which is a wider concept than local authority.

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?

In line with other bodies a three year appointment in the first instance followed by further appointment. Consideration should be given to appraisal and feedback loop by an outside body.

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 but need for clear complaints procedure to be adopted.

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?

Yes but a fuller explanation of what this entails is required and all elements should be assessed.

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?

There is a need for fuller clarification about what is paid for in terms of reports etc.

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?

There needs to be a clear structure for dealing with complaints and who will provide the feedback and where this will be lodged.