



meeting	SAFEGUARDING VULNERABLE ADULTS SELECT COMMITTEE	
date	7 July 2008	agenda item number

Report of the Chair of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Select Committee

Work Programme

Purpose of the report

1. To consider and agree the future work programme.

Background

2. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on February 18 2008 commissioned a Select Committee to contribute to policy development within the safeguarding vulnerable adults' agenda. It would consider the impact of the wider safeguarding remit and if policies and procedures/services reflect the requirements of forthcoming legislation.
3. At its first meeting the Select Committee received an initial presentation by departmental officers which provided information concerning the arrangements in Nottinghamshire for safeguarding vulnerable adults. This included details about the move from Adult Protection to Safeguarding Adults and the establishment of separate safeguarding arrangements for the City and the County. The implications of the Mental Capacity Act (MCA) 2005 and the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 were also discussed.
4. The Select Committee focused on the role of partners at the meeting on the 2 June. Representatives from Nottinghamshire tPCT and Nottinghamshire Police attended and informed Members about their responsibilities and procedures for the safeguarding of vulnerable adults; they also discussed what they considered to be the key issues. Members also learnt about the Mental Capacity Act, the plans in place for its implementation in Nottinghamshire and a brief overview of the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards.

Future work programme

5. It is anticipated that the last evidence gathering meeting of the Select Committee will be 28 July. Representatives from the residential and home care private sector will be invited to the meeting. Officers from

Adult Social Care and Health will also present information to inform members of future developments to increase awareness of safeguarding and an assessment of additional work that needs to be done.

6. The final meeting of the Select Committee to discuss the report and associated recommendations will now be at beginning of September, date to be confirmed.

Recommendations

1. It is recommended that the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Select Committee –
 - Identifies any further information required
 - agrees any issues around the future work programme.

Councillor Chris Winterton

Chair of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Select Committee

Background papers: nil.