



meeting	SAFEGUARDING VULNERABLE ADULTS SELECT COMMITTEE	
date	1 September 2008	agenda item number

Report of the Chair of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Committee

Draft Final Report

Purpose of the report

1. To provide the Select Committee with an opportunity to consider and agree the draft final report

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.
5. At the third meeting on the 7 July the Select Committee received information from a representative of the Nottingham City Council about

the development of the separate safeguarding board in the City. A Service user also attended to discuss issues relating to what makes people feel safe and what provision is required from services that offer support within the community.

6. The final evidence gathering meeting on the 28 July considered information from the Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI) about its role in inspecting and reviewing social care services and its work to increase the quality of care homes and home care providers in Nottinghamshire. A private care home provider attended to explain the policies and procedures that exist in the private sector to promote safeguarding. The arrangements for performance and quality for services purchased by the County Council from independent providers was also explained. Finally evidence from the review was briefly summarised, and issues that had previously been raised were put into context, for future action.
7. The Select Committee is asked to consider all the issues that have been discussed and the evidence that has been gathered during the course of the review and to agree a final report.

Recommendations

8. It is recommended that:
 - the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Select Committee consider and comment on the draft final report
 - the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Select Committee agrees the draft report and recommendations.
 - the minutes of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Select Committee on the 1 September 2008 be approved by the Chair and Vice-Chair and be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Select Committee for information.

Councillor Chris Winterton

Chair of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Select Committee

Background papers: nil.