

**Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Select Committee**  
**20 October 2008**

**Additional Recommendations**

- 1. Adult Social Care and Health Department inspection systems should be developed and widened to monitor the services provided to socially isolated and vulnerable adults to ensure their needs are met and to reduce instances of poor practice.**
- 2. The Select Committee write to the Secretary of State for Health to emphasise the need for regulation or legislation to protect vulnerable people who commission their own care services since they are not protected in the same way as people receiving care through formal support systems.**
- 3. The Select Committee send a copy of its final report to the Department of Health 'No Secrets' consultation and a letter addressing its concern about the need for appropriate safeguarding arrangements for vulnerable people who commission their own care.**

**The No Secrets Consultation**

The Department of Health and the Ministry of Justice have launched a national review of the **No Secrets** Guidance and comments are invited by January 2009. The consultation is about whether there is need to review the 'No Secrets' guidance in the light of the personalisation in social care and developments in the criminal justice system. It invites comments from all agencies involved in the safeguarding arena. The consultation seeks view on a number of questions including

- How safeguarding should operate with personalised care

The review suggests that with more people managing their own care through personalised budgets, social services will need to develop ways of addressing risk, an area that was discussed during the review.