



meeting	SAFEGUARDING VULNERABLE ADULTS SELECT COMMITTEE	
date	28 July 2008	agenda item number

Report of the Chair of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Select Committee

Purpose of the report

1. To introduce Keith Dobb from Nottinghamshire Care Association.

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 is expected to be provided by services that offer support within the community.

Issues

6. Keith Dobb from Nottinghamshire Care Association will be informing the Select Committee about safeguarding vulnerable adults in private sector care homes. This will include information regarding policies and procedures that exist in the private sector to promote safeguarding, what training is provided for workers, the expectations of care providers from the County Council and what improvements could be made to joint working. The Nottinghamshire Care Association represents the majority of care homes in Nottinghamshire in the independent sector. This includes homes operated by companies, individuals, charities, the voluntary sector and housing associations. It does not represent local authority care homes.

Recommendations

1. It is recommended that the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Select Committee –
 - consider and ask questions regarding the information provided to the Select Committee.

Councillor Chris Winterton

Chair of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Select Committee

Background papers: nil.