



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

Report of the Chair of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Select Committee

Purpose of the report

1. To introduce Elaine Yardley, Director of Adult Services, Adult Services, Housing and Health, Nottingham City Council.

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 adult's 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.

Issues

5. Elaine Yardley Director of Adults, Adult Service, Housing and Health, Nottingham City Council, lead officer for safeguarding will be informing

the Select Committee about development of the separate safeguarding board for the City, the benefits of separate City/County arrangements and the policies and procedures that have been developed.

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.