

**PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1418
QUESTIONS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

TUESDAY 29 MAY 2012

Scottish Government—

- The Committee draws the Scottish Government's attention to the petition and written responses from the Scottish Social Services Council, the Care Inspectorate, COSLA, Scottish Public Services Ombudsman and the Association of Directors of Social Work. The Committee requests that the working group on social work complaints procedure consider the issues raised by the petitioner along with the other consultation responses.
- In light of the submissions received and the concerns raised by the petitioner regarding the responsibility of local authorities and accountability of its officers, what specific safeguards exist to ensure the protection of vulnerable adults in the delivery of social services when the social service provision has been contracted out?

TUESDAY 20 MARCH 2012

Scottish Government—

- The Committee draws the Scottish Government's attention to the petition and the oral evidence given by the petitioner at the meeting on 20 March and invites the Scottish Government's responses to the issues and concerns raised.
- The petitioner highlights a potential loophole that may exist in relation to the protection of vulnerable adults when the line of accountability does not rest finally with an individual who is registered as a social worker or who holds a social work qualification. What is the view of the Scottish Government on this point?
- The petitioner is concerned that there is the potential for complaints /investigations to be dealt with administratively and not more formally through statutory adult support and protection procedures (*Official Report, col. 492*). What is the view of the Scottish Government on this point?

Care Inspectorate—

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman—

Scottish Social Services Council—

Association of Directors of Social Work—

- What is your response to what the petitioner seeks and the issues raised in her petition and oral evidence?

COSLA—

- What is your response to what the petitioner seeks and the issues raised in her petition?
- How many social work departments in Scotland have heads of service or executive directors who do not hold a social work qualification or are not registered as a social worker?