

June 24th, 2024

FAO

Chair of Health Committee : Ms L Kimmins MLA

Vice Chair of Health Committee: Mr D Donnelly MLA

Members of the Health Committee: Ms L Dillon MLA, Ms O Flynn MLA, Mr C McGrath MLA, Mr A Chambers MLA, Mrs D Dodds MLA, Mr A Robinson MLA, Mrs N McAllister MLA

Cc Caroline Holloway SPPG

Dear Ms Kimmins and members of the Health Committee,

Subject: Health Committee Meeting 16/5/24: Adult Protection Bill

As a sibling of a person with learning disabilities, I have a particular interest in the Safeguarding of people with learning disabilities and/or autism and at risk of harm.

I watched the above Health Committee and subsequently sent a list of questions to the SPPG, which I have attached for your information.

The future Adult Protection Bill, although important is not the only role of the Interim Adult Protection Board (IAPB) and the present oversight of safeguarding across the region is not something that I feel is transparent.

In 2020 the Northern Ireland Adult Safeguarding Partnership (NIASP) was stood down. This Body also oversaw the work of Local Adult Safeguarding Partnerships (LASPs by Trust area). The IAPB took over this role so I believe it is in the public interest that information is available to understand what is happening of safeguarding now as we wait for a new structure of governance to come in to place.

I would be grateful if you could keep these questions under consideration as any further discussions on safeguarding and protection arise at the Health Committee.

I will forward you any responses I receive from the SPPG.

Many thanks and very best wishes

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