

## CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

This consultation questionnaire sets out the consultation questions from within the relevant sections of the revised Adult Support & Protection Code of Practice.

The revised Code of Practice is a larger and more comprehensive document than the original Code and we welcome your views on any of the changes made. In particular, we would appreciate your views on the following matters.

Please insert your response to the questions in the text boxes provided.

### **Question 1: Chapter 3**

This chapter of the Code sets out the principles of the Adult Support and Protection legislation and the definition of an adult at risk.

Does this chapter help in your understanding of the legislation and whom it applies to?

If not, what changes would you suggest?

Yes. In terms of the definition of adults at risk, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) personnel will continue to liaise with relevant partner organisations including statutory bodies when considering individual cases, as appropriate.

### **Question 2: Chapter 5**

This chapter of the Code considers the principle of ensuring full regard is given to the wishes of the adult, and ensuring that the adult participates in decisions as fully as possible.

Does this chapter adequately covers the issues arising from ensuring as far as possible full participation by adults in decision making?

If not, what changes would you suggest?

No comment.

### **Question 3: Chapter 6**

This chapter includes new guidance on large scale inquiries. Does this provide sufficient clarity for this type of inquiry or are there additional matters you would wish considered?

No comment.

### **Question 4: Chapter 11**

This chapter is a new addition to the Code and considers a multi-agency approach.

Does this provide sufficient clarity and support for your organisation in handling multi-agency assessments and practice?

Are there other matters that you consider should be included in this chapter?

Yes, this information is helpful and will assist with the design and review of internal SFRS policies that relate to managing adults at risk.

### **Question 5: Users and Carers**

The Code seeks to develop and articulate good practice as regards service user and carer involvement, particularly in chapters 5 and 16. Does it succeed in this? If not please suggest ways in which this area could be improved on.

No comment.

### **Question 6:**

Do you consider this revised Code of Practice will enable you to carry out your professional responsibilities effectively? Please feel free to comment on any areas of the Code which you consider could be improved in any way.

Yes. Parts of the code are particularly useful for the SFRS, for example sections relating to multi-agency decision making and Adult Protection Committees.

### **Any further comments**

Having commenced in April 2013, the SFRS is currently developing a Prevention and Protection Strategy and associated policies and guidance. It is expected that the Adult Support and Protection Code of Practice will serve to inform and support this process, across Scotland.