

## 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?

This seems to provide a clear explanation of the principles of the Adult Support and Protection legislation and clear definitions of an adult at risk. We are concerned that no Easy Read version of the document was available.

### 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?

It seems to suggest that Advocacy should only be considered, this leaves it open to others to decide if advocacy is available or not. Advocacy should be seen as very important, particularly if someone has no other independent support available.

The decision not to attend meetings should always be the persons, and independent support should be available to help the person make this decision, it should not be a decision made by others.

### 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?

Yes it seems clear. Any inquiry must respect the persons rights

#### **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?

It can be easy for the person to get "lost" when a lot of agency's are involved in someone's life. All people who are subject to ASP inquiry's must have access to all recorded discussions and decisions.

#### **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.

Yes it seems to place a high importance on good practice and on the principles behind the Act, which is very important. Information, advice and independent advocacy are very important for many people with learning difficulties if they are going to fully understand what is happening and be able to take an active part in the process.

#### **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.

Comments

#### **Any further comments**

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