

## 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?

Argyll and Bute Adult Protection Committee welcomes the additional guidance provided in this chapter and its acknowledgement of the difficulties and complexities inherent in applying the definition as it stands.

### 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?

The enhanced guidance in this chapter is broadly welcomed. A number of practitioners have suggested that additional guidance on the relationship between AWI and the ASPA would be useful.

### 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?

The guidance appears sufficient for a Code of Practice but national agreement on procedures for large scale inquiries would be helpful. Large

numbers of adults are placed outwith their original council area and uniformity in the way in which service concerns are deal with would assist a consistent response.

#### **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?

The focus on multi-agency work and decision-making is helpful.

#### **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.

The additional guidance in Chapter 5 is useful. The difficulties in ensuring the meaningful engagement of users and carers on APCs is acknowledged.

#### **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.

Overall members of the APC and local practitioners welcome the revised Code of Practice and the additional clarity it provides in a number of areas.

#### **Any further comments**

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