Annex B
CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Question 1:
Do you agree that the arrangements that should be in place to support an organisational duty of candour should be outlined in legislation?

Yes    No

Comments

Question 2:
Do you agree that the organisational duty of candour encompass the requirement that adequate provision be in place to ensure that staff have the support, knowledge and skill required?

Yes    No

Comments Confidentiality and safety are essential components

Question 3a: Do you agree with the requirement for organisations to publically report on disclosures that have taken place?

Yes    No

Comments This needs to be an independent organisation and be of a statistical nature.

Question 3b: Do you agree with the proposed requirements to ensure that people harmed are informed?

Yes    No

Comments The victims need support and this needs to be encompassed in the legislation.

Question 3c: Do you agree with the proposed requirements to ensure that people are appropriately supported?

Yes    No

Comments By trained specialists in the cases of sexual and psychological abuse.
Question 4:
What do you think is an appropriate frequency for such reporting?
- [ ] Quarterly
- [ ] Bi-Annually
- [ ] Annually
- [ ] Other (outline below)

Comments: Reporting represents the intensity of the problem and requires constant monitoring.

Question 5:
What staffing and resources that would be required to support effective

Comments: Independent from the organisation, qualified and trained specialists in treating arrangements for the disclosure of instances of harm?

Question 6a:
Do you agree with the disclosable events that are proposed?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Comments:

Question 6b: Will the disclosable events that are proposed be clearly applicable and identifiable in all care settings?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Comments: The disclosable abuse is often difficult to spot and very difficult to articulate - race, power dynamic, etc.

Question 6c:
What definition should be used for 'disclosable events' in the context of children's social care?

Comments: Physical, mental and psychological definitions, superficial psychological descriptors.

Question 7
What are the main issues that need to be addressed to support effective mechanisms to determine if an instance of disclosable harm has occurred?

Comments: The problem is systemic abuse has not been confronted because there are no independent authorities outside the institutions which have the abuse in-house.

Question 8:
How do you think the organisational duty of candour should be monitored?

Independent + monitored.
Question 9:
What should the consequences be if it is discovered that a disclosable event has not been disclosed to the relevant person?

Comments:
It would trigger an investigation – may be part of a cover-up.

End of Questionnaire