

## 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. This chapter is clear and easy to understand.

### **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?

Page 38 – Multi agency meetings – the chair has certain responsibilities. It would be appropriate to reiterate that the chair is responsible for ensuring that appropriate professional registered language/communication support is provided for the adult involved and for their carer/supporter.

“Appropriate Adults” should not be used instead of appropriate professional registered language/communication support for Deaf BSL users, Deafblind or Deafened adults as they do not have the necessary communication skills to provide language/communication support. It may be necessary in a small number of instances to use a Communication Support Worker as well as a registered language support professional. The person and their carer/family/supporter should be able to advise.

### **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?

Comments

#### **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?

See comment for question 2.

#### **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.

Chapter 16 Point 20. "There may be a number of places on the Committee reserved for representatives of service users and carers. If this option is chosen, the committee will need to ensure that the full range of groups of adults at risk is represented, and that the Committee procedures, language and agendas are carefully designed to ensure, rather than limit full participation. Every possible means of facilitating participation (such as pre-meetings, supporters, interpreting services and the payment of travel expenses) should be considered."

APCs should consider using the Principles of Inclusive Communication – published by the Scottish Government on behalf of Independent Living in Scotland - <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/09/14082209/0>  
This would ensure that all APCs are fully accessible to all their members.

#### **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**

How much of the revised Code of Practice will be available in accessible formats, for example, in British Sign Language?