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?

> Comments
>
> I am generally happy this information is clear, however page 26 point 12 I would have in **BOLD** that all three points of the three point test need to be met. This important message gets lost in the body of information and needs highlighting to prevent confusion.

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 importance of advocacy is helpful; I like the further guidance which states that advocacy should be offered and when declined that the reasons for this should be recorded. The uptake of advocacy nationally appears to differ, and guidance provided will hopefully improve figures.
>
> I like the section on client and carer involvement throughout the adult protection process; this is a national priority and an area which rightly needs more focus and improvement.

A7214939

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?

I like the inclusion of the LSI procedure, but I would like to see further clarity on role of HIS, particularly in a hospital based LSI. What I would like to see is that there are clear agreed protocols around information sharing and exchange.

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 previous comments in relation to multi-agency meetings applies here. Also the previous comments in relation to service user involvement.

When cases have Adult Protection and Child Protection crossover, I would like to see further guidance, so that both Adult investigations are considering Children and that Child Protection are considering Adults at Risk. I would like to see consideration, communication and joint decision making built in to procedures.

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.

Good section on client and carer involvement

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.

I would like to see more defensible decision recording made at inquiry stage. Local authorities have different systems in place which screen and assess Adult protection referrals; use of thresholds and defensible decision making tends to vary and appears to be a broader national issue.

A7214939

Overall the SDS part is good and the further guidance on alcohol is welcome.

Careful thought has been put into place to include the transition process which is a welcome addition also.

Any further comments