

## 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 chapter offers a clear indication of the legislation. We feel there could be greater clarity about who may be carrying out a function under Part 1 of the Act. We are concerned that there may be occasions when a provider is carrying out a function on behalf of a public body and in such an instance we believe the provider should be bound by the act itself.

### **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?

RLO is very supportive of the safeguards built into this chapter to ensure the full participation by adults in decision making.

### **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?

We welcome the clarity of Chapter 6, Inquiries, however feel that the section on large-scale inquiries needs further work. In particular there should be further detail regarding trigger that would lead to action to be taken as well as the constitution of procedures for large scale inquiries. We would want

to see an additional clause in this section that describes the importance of taking an individualised approach to each resident in such an eventuality. We do not feel it is sufficient in clause 13 to refer to other individuals in a service as a 'group' and to also emphasise in the same clause the importance of informing the public. Informing the public should be in a separate clause.

#### **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?

We feel that this is a valuable addition to the code. We are concerned that some of the issues in multi agency decision making are located elsewhere and whilst cross referenced chapter 11 appears lightweight in comparison to other chapters. We would want to see the importance of the adults views and wishes being more strongly put (maybe higher up in the list of clauses), and we feel there should be a reference to the role of informal carers and family members.

#### **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.

RLO feels the Code achieves its aims regarding service user and carer involvement with the exception of chapter 11 as described in our answer to question 4.

#### **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.

RLO consider the revised Code of Practice will be very useful, especially in ensuring that statutory agencies are held to account in ensuring that people are kept safe and fully involved in all decisions that affect them.

#### **Any further comments**

We do not have any additional comments.