

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?

Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs is content with chapter 2 with regards to understanding the legislation involved and to whom it applies to.

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?

Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs feels that chapter 5 does adequately cover the issues arising from ensuring as far as possible full participation by adults in decision making. However, Scottish Families stresses that where possible and appropriate, the adult is provided with full information to guide their decision making. And where possible and appropriate, their family members should also be provided with full information and with any processes being explained to both the adult and their family members.

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?

Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs feels that the new guidance on large scale inquiries is adequate. However, as the consultation document notes the importance of sharing and collating information and intelligence, the guidance can be further improved by considering the role of families and considering explaining to them their role, rights and ways they can contribute to such inquiries should they hold any information to support the inquiry and in doing so not having to face complex procedures and bureaucracy.

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?

Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs believes that the new chapter relating to multi – agency approaches does provide sufficient clarity and support for Scottish Families to handle multi – agency assessments and practice. Although, since this is a new addition to the code, Scottish Families would encourage close monitoring of how this chapter is given effect. Where appropriate, the role of families should be considered too.

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.

Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs believes that the code does indeed, start to develop and articulate good practice as regards to service user and carer involvement. Although, Scottish Families would support the vulnerable adult to be offered Independent Advocacy,

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.

Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs feels that the revised Code of Practice will enable our staff to carry out our professional responsibilities effectively.

Any further comments

Central to the mission and vision of Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs is the role of families to support loved ones affected by alcohol and substance misuse. Scottish Families also highlights the need to include families and support them in their own right. Scottish Families understand

that it may not always be possible or appropriate to include families when giving effect to the Adult Support and Protection Code of Practice but we do strongly encourage that the role of families is considered and that families are included where possible and appropriate.