

**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 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 case 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 The 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 disclose of instances of harm? trauma/abuse, etc.

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 Age dependent. Abuse is often difficult to spot, and very difficult to articulate - re age, 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, as per legal/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 of the institutions which have the abuse in-house.

Question 8:

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

Independent + monitored.

Comments

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

