

## 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

Renfrewshire Child Protection Committee(RCPC) suggest that the scope of the duty of candour be widened to include all services provided to children and vulnerable people, including educational and training services, diversionary services, police and fire services. Given that one of our key aims is to provide an integrated approach to identifying, intervening and providing ongoing support to children and young people at risk of harm, we believe that a shared duty of candour would ensure that all agencies are clear in their responsibilities to report. We feel that unless a broader duty was put in place there is potential for inconsistency as each agency could potentially have a different reporting requirement.

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

Supporting and skilling staff is essential to delivering the benefits of this legislation. A wider duty would assist in this as it would lead to greater clarity and consistency in requirements and simplify the provision of generic training/procedures/protocols/guidance around the disclosures allowing all relevant partners to share/refer information with key organisations and more importantly be kept up to date with progress in terms of the vulnerable person.

Question 3a: Do you agree with the requirement for organisations to publically report on disclosures that have taken place?

✓Yes

RCPC support the disclosure of instances of harm, however would like to emphasise that due consideration needs to be given as to how this is presented to the public. It should be done in a positive manner and not used as a form of finger pointing at organisations or individuals.

Question 3b: Do you agree with the proposed requirements to ensure that people harmed are informed?

✓Yes

We agree with this proposal on the understanding that adequate support is readily available to support the individual harmed at the point of disclosure.

Question 3c: Do you agree with the proposed requirements to ensure that people are appropriately supported?

✓Yes

We believe that this is a key requirement in the process.

Question 4:

What do you think is an appropriate frequency for such reporting?

✓ Annually

Comments

Question 5:

What staffing and resources that would be required to support effective arrangements for the disclose of instances of harm ?

There would need to be staff time set aside to support those affected by instances of harm and potentially specialist services such as counselling.

Question 6a:

Do you agree with the disclosable events that are proposed?

✓Yes

Yes, however some consideration should also be given as to the impact on a wider community as well as to the individual -eg the impact on other residents receiving care/support in a grouped setting.

Question 6b: Will the disclosable events that are proposed be clearly applicable and identifiable in all care settings ?

✓No

There may need to be further discussion with specific service areas to ensure that the definitions are clearly understood in accordance with their particular areas of work

Question 6c:

What definition should be used for 'disclosable events' in the context of children's social care?

We acknowledge that it may be challenging to attribute a specific incident as being a "disclosable event" in terms of children's services therefore further guidance may be required.

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 ?

There needs to be clear definitions of disclosable harm in place which are easily identified by agencies

Question 8:

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

We believe it should be monitored through existing performance monitoring and scrutiny arrangements

Question 9:

What should the consequences be if it is discovered that a disclosable event has not been disclosed to the relevant person?

This should be reported to the regulatory body specific to the service area.

**End of Questionnaire**