

CONSULTATION RESPONSE QUESTIONNAIRE

You can respond to the consultation document by e-mail, letter or fax.

Before you submit your response, please read Appendix 1 about the effect of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on the confidentiality of responses to public consultation exercises.

Responses should be sent to:

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Responses must be received no later than Friday 13 March 2009.

I am responding: as an individual
on behalf of an organisation
(please tick a box)

Name: _____
Job Title: _____
Organisation: _____
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Q1. This document contains a total of 6 Standards, as set out in Table 1 below. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with each of the standards. If you disagree with any of the standards please provide, in the space provided, detail of your reasons. We would also ask that you provide detail of any additional suggestions you may wish to make.

Standard	Y/N
<p>1. Raising awareness: That Health and Social Care staff will have an awareness and understanding of death, dying and bereavement, and of the fact that grief is a normal process following loss.</p>	
<p>2. Promoting safe and effective care: That all Health and Social Care staff involved in the care of people who are dying and those who are affected by bereavement will deliver high quality, safe, sensitive and effective care before, at the time of and after death.</p>	
<p>3. Communication, information and resources: That people who are dying and those who are affected by bereavement will have access to timely, accurate and consistent information in a format and language which will be helpful to their particular circumstances and consistent with their needs, abilities and preferences.</p>	
<p>4. Creating a supportive experience: That those who are dying and their families will be afforded time, privacy, dignity and respect and, wherever possible, given the opportunity to die in their preferred environment with access to practical, emotional and spiritual support based on their individual needs and preferences.</p>	
<p>5. Knowledge and skills: That Health and Social Care organisations recognise the value of a skilled workforce by ensuring that those coming into contact with, or caring for people who are dying and those affected by bereavement are competent to deliver care through continuing professional development; and by having systems in place to support them.</p>	
<p>6. Working together: That good communication and co-ordination will take place within and between individuals, organisations and sectors, to ensure that resources are targeted efficiently and effectively and that there is integration of care to meet the needs of people who are dying and their families, friends and carers.</p>	

Equality implications

Q2. Do you think the Standards are likely to have an adverse impact on any of the nine equality groups identified under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998? If yes, please state the group or groups and provide comment on how these adverse impacts could be reduced or alleviated in the proposals

Yes No

Response:

Q3. Are you aware of any evidence, qualitative or quantitative, that the proposals may have an adverse impact on equality of opportunity or on good relations? If yes, please give details and comment on what you think should be added or removed to alleviate the adverse impact.

Yes No

Response:

Q4. Could the proposals better promote equality of opportunity or good relations? If yes, please give details as to how.

Yes

No

Response:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS.

Appendix 1

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – CONFIDENTIALITY OF CONSULTATIONS

The Department will publish a summary of responses following completion of the consultation process. Your response, and all other responses to the consultation, may be disclosed on request. The Department can only refuse to disclose information in exceptional circumstances. **Before** you submit your response, please read the paragraphs below on the confidentiality of consultations and they will give you guidance on the legal position about any information given by you in response to this consultation.

The Freedom of Information Act gives the public a right of access to any information held by a public authority, namely, the Department in this case. This right of access to information includes information provided in response to a consultation. The Department cannot automatically consider as confidential information supplied to it in response to a consultation. However, it does have the responsibility to decide whether any information provided by you in response to this consultation, including information about your identity should be made public or be treated as confidential.

This means that information provided by you in response to the consultation is unlikely to be treated as confidential, except in very particular circumstances. The Lord Chancellor's Code of Practice on the Freedom of Information Act provides that:

the Department should only accept information from third parties in confidence if it is necessary to obtain that information in connection with the exercise of any of the Department's functions and it would not otherwise be provided

the Department should not agree to hold information received from third parties
“in confidence” which is not confidential in nature

acceptance by the Department of confidentiality provisions must be for good
reasons, capable of being justified to the Information Commissioner

For further information about confidentiality of responses please contact the
Information Commissioner’s Office (or see web site at:

<http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk/>).