The BILD Code of Practice for the Use and Reduction of Restrictive Physical Interventions – a review

The BILD Code of Practice is now 12 years old and in its 3rd edition. Significant areas of the Code have been revised and re-written with each edition and have helped guide the criteria towards a more fundamentally positive behaviour support based approach.

The Code of Practice aims to:

- Act as a guide for health, social care and education commissioners; and those purchasers of training
- Ensure training providers understand their roles and responsibilities in delivering training that adheres to a clear set of core standards
- Ensure training in supporting and managing behaviours that challenge, and the curriculum that includes physical skills is set within a broader theoretical knowledge base of positive behaviour support.
- Reduce organisational reliance on restrictive practices including physical interventions
- Act as a guide for commissioners to make informed decisions

Following the Department of Health workshop in November 2012, prior to the publication of the final Winterbourne View report, stakeholders were sent a copy of the Code of Practice and invited to a series of review meetings that set out the context or a review of the Code, the reasons for initiating this and the timescales for a refreshed Code of Practice.

We are now opening the review to a wider audience and would welcome views. Below are a series of questions which highlight some of the main issues raised and for which we would like to know the views of as many people and organisations as possible. You are welcome to add more general comments about The BILD Code of Practice.

Questions for consultation

1. Are the Code's chapter headings appropriately focused on the important aspects of training delivery?
2. Should the code clarify the responsibilities (against specified criteria) of individual trainers, training providers, commissioners and organisations who buy training?
3. How can we strengthen the voice of individuals who are subject to restrictive physical interventions, their carers and families, in the criteria of the Code of Practice?
4. Is there a role for family carers on the accreditation panel?
5. How do we strengthen the role of accredited training within a broader, service level approach of positive behavior support?
6. What is the role of local commissioners in setting the standard?
7. Should the scheme continue to solely focus on the original client?
8. What are your views on whether the accreditation process should remain a pass/fail exercise, or would a tiered approach of banding accreditation for organisations - in a similar way to CQC ratings - have any perceived benefits?

Responses

Please send your response by 1 July 2013:

- **By post to:** BILD, Birmingham Research Park, Vincent Drive, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2SQ, please mark it ‘PIAS Consultation’
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Need more information?

If you need more information about this consultation or clarification of any point in the Code, please either email p.howell@bild.org.uk or call the PI Team at BILD on 0121 415 6960 and I will respond to your call.

Thank you for taking the time to consider and reflect on these issues, we look forward to hearing your views.

What next?

After the consultation’s responses have been processed, we will create the drafting process for the next edition of the BILD Code of Practice and there will be opportunities to contribute during this process.

Phil Howell
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