

**CONSULTATION SCHEDULE – 5 November 2019**

1.	RECEIVED FROM	TITLE	SUBMISSION BY
	Department for the Economy Equality Unit	Details of policies Equality Screened and Published for the Economy	July 2019 – September 2019
	<p>Please see details of policies equality screened and published by the Department for the Economy from July to September 2019. There were four screening exercises completed and published during the July to September 2019 quarter, all were screened out. These can be viewed here: <a href="https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/departement-economy-equality">https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/departement-economy-equality</a></p> <p>The Department currently has no consultations underway. All previous consultations can be viewed here: <a href="https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/consultations">https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/consultations</a></p> <p>In February 2019 the Department also published for public consultation a draft Equality Scheme, Audit of Inequalities and a Disability Action Plan for 2016- 2021. The consultation closed on 16 April 2019. The Department is grateful for the constructive comments and suggestions offered by those consultees who responded. Consideration of these comments resulted in a number of amendments to a draft final Equality Scheme, which was submitted to the Equality Commission for NI for their consideration. The Department will publish a final Equality Scheme as soon as it is agreed with the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland. The consultation can be viewed here: <a href="https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/consultations/equality-scheme-audit-inequalities-and-disability-action-plan">https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/consultations/equality-scheme-audit-inequalities-and-disability-action-plan</a></p>		
2.	RECEIVED FROM	TITLE	SUBMISSION BY
	Public Health Agency	Dysphagia NI	See Below
	<p>The Dysphagia NI team have several consultations are now live. This is a unique opportunity for service users, carers and staff to engage on Dysphagia services across Northern Ireland. By bringing these consultations to a wider audience</p>		

	<p>across sectors, these findings will enable Dysphagia Ni to highlight and develop innovations in Dysphagia services across the region.</p> <p>Should you wish to contribute to the consultations the questionnaires are open for several weeks (individual dates are on the website).</p> <p>Below are the details of the online consultations and more information is available online.</p> <p>To find out more about the overall Dysphagia Ni programme please see: <a href="http://pha.site/Dysphagia">http://pha.site/Dysphagia</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dysphagia Adverse Incident Reporting</b> - <i>understanding the experiences and reporting practices of staff working alongside those with dysphagia.</i> <a href="https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/hsc-public-health-agency/fce58cd1/">https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/hsc-public-health-agency/fce58cd1/</a> <b>Submission by 31 October 2019.</b></li> <li>• <b>Dysphagia Friendly Foods in Northern Ireland</b> – <i>a service user perspective</i> <a href="https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/hsc-public-health-agency/df15eaaf/">https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/hsc-public-health-agency/df15eaaf/</a> <b>Submission by 31 December 2019</b></li> <li>• <b>Dysphagia Friendly Foods in Northern Ireland</b> - <i>scoping the support and training provided to catering services in the provision of modified texture foods.</i> <a href="https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/hsc-public-health-agency/147d4f08">https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/hsc-public-health-agency/147d4f08</a> <b>Submission by 31 December 2019</b></li> </ul>		
3.	<b>RECEIVED FROM</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>SUBMISSION BY</b>
	Department for Communities	Consultation on Liquor licensing Laws in Northern Ireland - Equality	6 December 2019
	<p>The Department for Communities has published a consultation paper entitled “Liquor licensing laws in Northern Ireland”. The last general review of Northern Ireland’s liquor licensing laws took place in 2012 resulting in the Licensing and Registration of Clubs (Amendment) Bill 2016. This Bill included measures aimed at contributing towards a reduction in alcohol related harm and making the licensed trade more sustainable and attractive to tourists. The Bill was making its way through the Assembly’s legislative process and when the Assembly collapsed in January 2017, it could no longer be progressed.</p>		

	<p>The aim of this exercise is to determine public opinion on current licensing laws and whether changes could be made in the future to ensure Northern Ireland has a more flexible and modern licensing framework to respond to changing expectations and lifestyles.</p> <p>The consultation is available via:</p> <p><a href="https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-liquor-licensing-lawsnorthern-ireland">https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-liquor-licensing-lawsnorthern-ireland</a></p> <p>The consultation period runs from 14 October 2019 to 6 December 2019.</p>		
4.	<b>RECEIVED FROM</b> <b>Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs</b>	<b>TITLE</b> <b>Consultation on the Draft Eggs and Chicks and Poultrymeat (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland)</b>	<b>SUBMISSION BY</b> <b>17 October 2019</b>
	<p>The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs has invited comments on the above draft legislation which would make amendments to domestic Northern Ireland legislation, namely the Eggs and Chicks Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 and the Poultrymeat Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011.</p> <p>As the legislation that is being amended relates to food, this consultation is being carried out as required by Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council, laying down the general principles and requirements of food law.</p> <p>The European Communities Act 1972 (the ECA) confers powers upon DAERA to give effect to EU Regulations that do not otherwise come into direct effect in UK law. This provision enables the UK (and Northern Ireland where the matter is devolved) to implement EU law through domestic legislation. It is under the ECA that DAERA makes domestic legislation to enforce EU law.</p>		

	<p>It is necessary to make a small number of changes to the existing domestic legislation before the day that the UK leaves the EU, because the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (EUWA) will repeal the ECA on that day, including the powers to make such changes. The proposed Regulations make minor drafting amendments to update an EU reference in both the Eggs and Chicks Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 and the Poultrymeat Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011.</p> <p><u>This consultation is separate to a recent consultation exercise on amendments to the Eggs and Chicks Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 that related to changes being made under powers in the European Union (Withdrawal Act) 2019 to deal specifically with issues of operability as a consequence of the UK leaving the EU.</u></p> <p>The draft Regulations and supporting documentation can be found at:</p> <p><a href="https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-draft-eggs-and-chicks-and-poultrymeat-northern-ireland-regulations-2010">https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-draft-eggs-and-chicks-and-poultrymeat-northern-ireland-regulations-2010</a></p>		
5.	<b>RECEIVED FROM</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>SUBMISSION BY</b>
	Northern HSC Trust	Arts Strategy Consultation	
	<p>The health and wellbeing team in Northern Trust are planning to develop a new Arts in Health Strategy. There are a number of consultation workshops taking place throughout October – see attached flyer for more information.</p> <p>In light of overwhelming evidence of the benefits of arts-based activities within health care settings the Northern Health and Social Care Trust Arts Steering Group is planning to develop a new Arts in Health Strategy. The key aim of this strategy will be to use a range of arts activities to improve the wellbeing of patients, service users, carers and staff.</p> <p>Members are invited to attend one of the following 1/2 day consultation workshops taking place from 9am-1pm to help co-design this exciting new Arts in Health Strategy.</p> <p>Tues 15 Oct 2019 Flowerfield Arts Centre, Portstewart  Tues 22 Oct 2019 Merville House, Newtownabbey  Tues 5 Nov 2019 Involve House, Magherafelt</p>		

	<p>Tues 12 Nov 2019 Braid Arts Centre, Ballymena</p> <p>Please register your attendance as soon as possible by emailing <a href="mailto:Health.Promotion2@northerntrust.hscni.net">Health.Promotion2@northerntrust.hscni.net</a> or by telephoning 028 2563 5575.</p>		
<b>6.</b>	<b>RECEIVED FROM</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>SUBMISSION BY</b>
	<b>Invest NI</b>	<b>Policy and Programme Screenings</b>	<b>31 December 2019</b>
	<p>Invest Northern Ireland (Invest NI) is committed to achieving a successful economy in Northern Ireland which will provide equal opportunities for all. It is fully mindful of its responsibilities across the spectrum of Section 75, Equality of Opportunity and the Lifetime Opportunities Strategy.</p> <p>Invest NI invite Members to view their most recent policy and programme equality screening forms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of Business Appraisal Services</li> <li>• IWSR Research Project.</li> </ul> <p>These documents are available using the following link:</p> <p><a href="http://www.investni.com/about-us/our-approach/equality-commitment.html">http://www.investni.com/about-us/our-approach/equality-commitment.html</a></p>		
<b>7.</b>	<b>RECEIVED FROM</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>SUBMISSION BY</b>
	<b>Northern Ireland Policing Board PSNI</b>	<b>Northern Ireland Policing Plan 2020-2025 Consultation</b>	<b>6 January 2020</b>
	<p>On 21 October 2019 the Northern Ireland Policing Board and the PSNI launched a joint public consultation on the Northern Ireland Policing Plan.</p> <p>The consultation will run for an 11 week period until <b>6 January 2020</b> and all the information is available online at <a href="http://www.nipolicingboard.org.uk/policing-plan">www.nipolicingboard.org.uk/policing-plan</a></p>		

The Northern Ireland Policing Board PSNI welcomes your views. This can be done online, by email or by hard copy. They also welcome the opportunity to engage directly with Members at their public event on **Monday 25 November at the Board premises in Belfast**. You can find further information on all of the engagement events within the Consultation Document.

Any further information on this consultation, can be obtained from Lyne Black at the Policing Board on T: 028 9040 8500 and E: [lyne.black@nipolicingboard.org.uk](mailto:lyne.black@nipolicingboard.org.uk)

### **Current Open Consultations**

- **DfC Equality Unit** - Draft Equality Action Plan 2019 – 2022 – 22 November 2019
- **Commission for Victims and Survivors Disability and Quality Action Plans** - Draft Equality Action Plan and Disability Action Plan - 29 November 2019