

CONSULTATION SCHEDULE – 22 AUGUST 2017

1	TITLE	RECEIVED FROM	SUBMISSION BY
	Changes Required to the Passporting of Individuals to help with Health Costs as a result of the Introduction of Universal Credit	Department for Health	19 September 2017
	<p>The Department of Health is consulting on an additional criterion to the Help of Health Costs Scheme based on receipt of Universal Credit and with an associated earnings threshold. The wide ranging programme of welfare reform in Ni will see a number of changes to the current benefit scheme, including the abolishment of many of our working age benefits to be replaced with a new Universal Credit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations 		
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	Proposals for the Freight Containers (Safety Convention) Regulations (NI) 2018	HSENI	29 September 2017
	<p>The Health & Safety Executive for NI (the Executive) has prepared a consultative document containing proposals to make the above Regulations. The proposed Regulations will replace the Freight Containers (Safety Convention) Regulations (NI) 1992 in order to give effect to amendments to the International Convention for Safe Containers 1972 in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>The key changes introduce significant physical changes to the Safety Approval Plate, including additional safety tests, evaluation of examination schemes and introduce Authorised Control Officers and new guidance.</p>		

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	Prisons 2020 – Driving Continuous Improvement in the Prison Service	Department for Justice	29 September 2017
	<p>Prisons 2020 is a discussion document on how to continue to improve our prisons and play part in building safer NI by supporting people in our care to change.</p> <p>Over the past few months the NI Prison Service had been reflecting on how we can best contribute to the delivery of the Executives draft Programme for Government in the context of seeking to reduce reoffending. Outcome 7, Indicator 39 specifically focuses on reducing reoffending.</p>		
4	TITLE	RECEIVED FROM	SUBMISSION BY
	Proposals for the Ionising Radiations Regulations (NI) 2017	HSENI	5 October 2017
	<p>The Health & Safety Executive for NI (the Executive) has prepared a consultative document containing proposals for the above Regulations. The proposed Regulations relate to implementation of Directive 2013/59/EURATOM laying down basic safety standards for protection against the dangers arising from exposure to ionising radiation. In order to transpose the requirements of the Directive, which relate to occupational health and safety, the Executive is proposing to revoke and replace the Ionising Regulations (NI) 2000 (IRR2000).</p> <p>One of the key changes relates to one of the dose limits for radiation exposure to the lens of the eye, with a reduction of equivalent dose from 150 mSv to 20 MSv in a year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.hseni.gov.uk 		
5	TITLE	RECEIVED FROM	SUBMISSION BY
	The Draft Equality Action Plan for 2017-19 and Draft Disability Action Plan for 2017-19	Fermanagh and Omagh District Council	20 October 2017
	<p>Fermanagh and Omagh District Council are consulting on the above Draft Equality Action Plan and Disability Action Plan for 2017-19.</p>		

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6	TITLE	RECEIVED FROM	SUBMISSION BY
	Equality & Disability Action Plays – Have Your Say	Health and Social Care Trusts	7 November 2017
	<p>The 6 Trusts across Health & Social Care in Ni are going out to formally consult on a regional equality action plan and the disability action plan and respective local action plans. The draft plans have been shaped by input from a range of stakeholders.</p> <p>Citizenspace, an online consultation software is being used to engage and hope this goes some way to simplifying the process of responding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.northerntrust.hscni.net <p>A regional consultation will be held on 3 October 2017 in Ballymena. Further details on this will be issued in due course.</p>		
7	TITLE	RECEIVED FROM	SUBMISSION BY
	Proposed Carnroe Weir Refurbishment, Lower River Bann	CARN/CO	No date given
	<p>Atkins has been commissioned by Waterways Ireland to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment of the proposed refurbishment of Carnroe Weir. While the location of the weir at Carnroe is not designated for its nature conservation importance, it is upstream of the Bann Estuary Special Area of Conservation and downstream of Lough Neagh and Lough Beg Special Protection Area.</p> <p>A major component of the remit of Waterways Ireland is the periodic condition and structural survey of key structures on the navigable waterways. Two inspection surveys and subsequent reports (2009 & 2013) concluded that the condition of Carnroe weir had deteriorated to a level that was not acceptable in terms of safety and its ability to perform its role (such as allowing adequate fish passage) to a satisfactory standard and deterioration is ongoing. Therefore the weir was classified as being in a critical condition and in need of immediate remediation works. The proposed refurbishment works include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repairs of the Weir structure • Improvements to fish passage • Construction of a Canoe Slide / Chute 		

Previously, the site of Carnroe Weir was identified as being suitable for hydro-electric power generation and a consultation exercise which included these proposals was undertaken at that time. Although studies showed that this could be achieved without significant environmental impact, **it has now been decided that the development of hydro-electric power generation will not be progressed at this site at this stage** and as such, this EIA will be solely concerned with the refurbishment of the weir.

As part of the consultation exercise, Council is asked to provide a response on any concerns regarding the proposed refurbishment of Carnroe Weir. Before the Council can respond to this matter, it will require consideration by the Planning Committee. The next available date for such consideration is the meeting scheduled for 27 September 2017.

There are no current consultations open

Note: Copies of the consultations can be obtained from Democratic Services