

14th January 2011

Dear Colleague

Joint Consultation – Equality Schemes and Action Plans

We recently advised you of a consultation that a range of organisations working in Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland, listed below, are undertaking on their new Equality Schemes and Action Plans.

We are contacting you now to invite you to attend one of four consultation events that we are organising on behalf of all nine organisations. The purpose of the events is to provide an opportunity for you to share comments on the proposed schemes and action plans directly with any of the participating organisations.

The meetings are taking place on the following dates

Date	Venue
14 February 2011 at 11-1pm	NI Social Care Council, 7 th floor Millennium House, Great Victoria Street, Belfast BT2 7AQ
16 February 2011 at 2-4pm	Fire Station, 77 Loughall Road, Armagh
21 February 2011 at 11-1pm	Antrim Enterprise Agency, 58 Greystone Road, Antrim
23 February 2011 at 2-4pm	St Columb's Park, Limavady Road, Derry/Londonderry

If you are interested in attending one of the above events we should be grateful if you could complete the attached response form and return it to us **by Friday 28 January 2011**. Directions to the venues will be provided closer to the time.

You can contact us at:

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Belfast, BT2 8DQ
Tel: (028) 9053 5531 - for text relay prefix with 18002
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If you require this invitation in an alternative format such as Braille, larger print or another language please do not hesitate to contact us.

The nine participating HSC organisations are listed below. The consultation documents (equality schemes and action plans) can be downloaded from their websites.

HSC Organisation	Website
Blood Transfusion Service	www.nibts.org
Business Services Organisation	www.hscbusiness.hscni.net
Health and Social Care Board	www.hscboard.hscni.net
NI Guardian Ad Litem Agency	www.nigala.hscni.net
NI Practice and Education Council for Nursing and Midwifery	www.nipec.hscni.net
Northern Ireland Social Care Council	www.niscc.info
Patient and Client Council	www.patientclientcouncil.hscni.net
Public Health Agency	www.publichealth.hscni.net
Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority	www.rqia.org.uk

We hope that it will be possible for you to join us at one of these events.

However, if none of these dates suit you we will also be happy to meet with you individually.

Regards



Karen O'Loan
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Business Services Organisation

Response Form

Consultation Events February 2011

Name:

Job Title (if applicable):

Organisation:

Email:

Contact Details:

I would like to attend the following meeting (please tick)

- 14 February 2011 at 11-1pm, Belfast
- 16 February 2011 at 2-4pm, Armagh
- 21 February 2011 at 11-1pm, Antrim
- 23 February 2011 at 2-4pm, Derry/Londonderry

I am interested in providing comments directly to the following organisations (please tick)

- Blood Transfusion Service
- Business Services Organisation
- Health and Social Care Board
- NI Guardian Ad Litem Agency
- NI Practice and Education Council for Nursing and Midwifery
- Northern Ireland Social Care Council
- Patient and Client Council
- Public Health Agency
- Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority

To help us to ensure that all participants are able to participate fully in the meetings we would be grateful if you could let us know about any requirements you have, for example **(please tick)**:

- wheelchair user
- assistance dog
- support worker (carer or personal assistance)
- designated parking
- induction loop
- British Sign Language interpreter
- Irish Sign Language interpreter
- Deaf Blind Communicators
- Minority Language interpreter (please specify)_____
- electronic note taker
- papers in alternative format (please specify)_____
- translated papers (please specify)_____
- any other requirement (please specify)_____

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