

Dear Consultee

## **Consultation to inform the Equality Impact Assessment of the introduction of Self Directed Support, Northern Ireland**

I would like to invite you to take part in the public consultation on the future arrangements for the implementation of Self Directed Support for Northern Ireland.

The draft Equality Impact Assessment document sets out the findings from a range of data and resources relevant to the proposal to implement Self Directed Support.

We are keen to reach and engage as many people as possible during this process. Please take some time to consider the draft EQIA, share amongst your contacts and provide a response.

### **How can I respond?**

There are a number of ways that you can respond and these include:

- Online at [www.hscboard.hscni.net/consult](http://www.hscboard.hscni.net/consult)
- Email [SelfDirectedSupport\\_EQIA@hscni.net](mailto:SelfDirectedSupport_EQIA@hscni.net)
- In writing: To: SDS EQIA Consultation, Social Care and Childrens Directorate, Health and Social Care Board, 12-22 Linenhall Street, Belfast BT2 8BS

The draft EQIA and response questionnaires are available to download from the Health and Social Care Board website [www.hscboard.hscni.net/consult](http://www.hscboard.hscni.net/consult) and can be sent by email or post.

If you require a printed copy of the consultation documentation or an alternative format, please telephone 02871860086 or email

[SelfDirectedSupport EQIA@hscni.net](mailto:SelfDirectedSupport_EQIA@hscni.net)

The consultation will last for 3 months and will end at 5pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

### **What happens after the consultation?**

Following the end of the consultation period, the Health and Social Care Board will consider all the responses to inform the final Equality Impact Assessment. A consultation report and final EQIA will be produced and published on the HSCB website. The findings from the EQIA will help inform the development and implementation of SDS.

I look forward to receiving your views on this important consultation.

Yours sincerely

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