

Dear Sir/Madam,

## We would like your help...

We are planning to introduce Self Directed Support (SDS) for Northern Ireland. As part of this, we want to make sure as many people as possible get to know about this and have their say.



Self Directed Support allows people to choose how their support is provided to them by giving them as much control as they want over how their support is provided.



In other words, Self Directed Support is the support a person chooses to make sure their social care needs are being met.



Through our Equality Impact Assessment, we found there was a possible impact on the Section 75 groups relating to Age (Older and Younger people), Disability (Physical, Learning, Sensory & Mental Health) and Carers (and those they Care for).



We have enclosed a report which explains about Self Directed Support, the research we have done, the issues we have found and what we plan to do about these issues.



Please take some time to read this report, and let us know what you think.

If you think there are other people who should read the report, please feel free to ask them to reply as well.

## How can I respond?

There are a number of ways that you can tell us what you think and these include:



ONLINE at [www.hscboard.hscni.net/consult](http://www.hscboard.hscni.net/consult)



BY PHONE:

030055550115

Extension: 1007, 1040 or 1045



BY E-MAIL TO:

SelfDirectedSupport\_EQIA@hscni.net

IN WRITING TO:



Self Directed Support EQIA Consultation,  
Social Care and Childrens Directorate,  
Health and Social Care Board,  
12-22 Linenhall Street,  
Belfast BT2 8BS

## Alternative Formats

Any request for the document in another format or language will be considered.



All of the reports and questionnaires are available to download from the Health and Social Care Board website which is

[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 report or you need the information in a different format, please telephone 03005550115 or email us as follows:

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

The consultation will end at 5pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

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



At the end of the consultation period, the Health and Social Care Board will read all the responses and use them to create a report.

This final report will be written and put on the HSCB website. The findings from this piece of work will help us to develop and introduce Self Directed Support.

I look forward to receiving your views on this important piece of work.

Yours sincerely

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