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Regional Trauma Network: Public Consultation

The Health and Social Care Board is consulting on the **Regional Trauma Network's New Service Delivery Model and Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA)** and is encouraging those with an interest in trauma services in Northern Ireland to take the opportunity to provide their views on the proposals.

REGIONAL TRAUMA NETWORK MISSION STATEMENT:

We work collaboratively and in partnership with people in our society to improve access to the highest quality psychological trauma care.

A key element of this process is strengthening and fostering meaningful partnerships and collaboration with Health and Social Care Trusts, the Victims and Survivors' Service, the wider community and voluntary sector, service-users and carers to increase and share our learning about delivering the best psychological trauma treatment and care to those who need it.

The Health and Social Care component of the new Regional Trauma Network is in addition to the existing provision of mental health services for children, young people and adults in Northern Ireland. It will provide high quality, accessible and effective nationally and internationally recommended trauma treatments for people experiencing significant trauma-related psychological difficulties. These additional services will not assess a person's need for treatment based on the nature of their

trauma event or events. Individuals will be referred to this service based on their clinical need.

We want to create a service of the highest quality so we are planning to deliver the new service in phases. During each phase we will listen to and learn from people using the service and make sure we strengthen what works and change what is not working before moving to the next phase;

- Phase 1: introduce a new pathway for victims and survivors of the Conflict/Troubles (as recommended in the Stormont House Agreement) – Autumn 2019;
- Phase 2: full implementation of enhanced trauma services for all children, young people and adults with significant levels of psychological trauma – April 2020; and
- Phase 3: develop and strengthen the service, pending learning from Phases 1 and 2.

The consultation document, available at <http://www.hscboard.hscni.net/get-involved/consultations> sets out the detail of how and why the Regional Trauma Network is being developed and how it will operate within your local Health and Social Care Trust area.

The Health and Social Care Board has a statutory duty to assess the impact of the phased implementation of any new service from an equality perspective in line with Equality legislation and to alleviate any issues that may prevent someone who needs this service from being able to access it.

Responses or requests for further information or alternative formats should be emailed to regionaltraumanetwork@hscni.net or in writing to Geraldine Hamilton, Regional Trauma Network Manager, Health and Social Care Board, 12-22 Linenhall Street, Belfast, BT2 8BS or telephone 0300 555 0115.

We welcome your feedback on the response form attached. All comments must be received by Friday 6th September at 1:00 pm.

Yours sincerely



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