CONSULTATION ON THE NORTHERN IRELAND CLINICAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS SCHEME 2012-2013 AND 2013-2014

RESPONSE QUESTIONNAIRE
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You can respond to the consultation document by e-mail, letter or fax.

Before you submit your response, please read Appendix 1 about the affect of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on the confidentiality of responses to public consultation exercises.

Responses should be sent to:

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Responses must be received no later than 5pm on Monday 16th February 2015.

I am responding: ☐ as an individual
☐ on behalf of an organisation

Name:
Job Title:
Organisation:
Address:
Tel:
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E-mail:
Please indicate which option you wish to support by ticking the appropriate box.

Option 1 □  Option 2 □

Allocate new Clinical Excellence Awards in the normal manner for the 2012/13 and 2013/14 years.

Allocate no new Clinical Excellence Awards for the 2012/2013 and 2013/14 years.

You may, if you wish, give reasons to support your option.

The Department would also welcome your views on the following Human Rights and Equality questions.
### Q1: If no new Clinical Excellence Awards are made in respect of 2012/13 and 2013/2014, is this likely to have an adverse impact on any group of people in terms of the nine equality dimensions?

Please tick

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If you answered “yes”, please state which group(s) and the reasons why:

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### Q2: If no new Clinical Excellence awards are made in respect of 2012/13 and 2013/14, are you aware of any indication or evidence that this may have an adverse impact on equality of opportunity or good relations?

Please tick

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If you answered “yes”, please state the reasons why and suggest how these might be mitigated:

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Q3: If no new Clinical Excellence awards are made in respect of 2012/13, and 2013/14; does this afford the opportunity to promote equality of opportunity and/or good relations?

Please tick

| Yes | No |

Please outline your reasons:

| Q4: If no new Clinical Excellence awards are made in respect of 2012/13 and 2013/14, are any potential human rights violations likely to occur? |

Please tick

| Yes | No |

Please detail below:
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – CONFIDENTIALITY OF CONSULTATIONS

The Department will publish a summary of responses following completion of the consultation process. Your response, and all other responses to the consultation, may be disclosed on request. The Department can only refuse to disclose information in exceptional circumstances. Before you submit your response, please read the paragraphs below on the confidentiality of consultations and they will give you guidance on the legal position about any information given by you in response to this consultation.

The Freedom of Information Act gives the public a right of access to any information held by a public authority, namely, the Department in this case. This right of access to information includes information provided in response to a consultation. The Department cannot automatically consider as confidential information supplied to it in response to a consultation. However, it does have the responsibility to decide whether any information provided by you in response to this consultation, including information about your identity should be made public or be treated as confidential.

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- the Department should not agree to hold information received from third parties “in confidence” which is not confidential in nature; and
- acceptance by the Department of confidentiality provisions must be for good reasons, capable of being justified to the Information Commissioner

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http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk/)