**TEMPORARY AMENDMENTS TO THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT**

**Consultation Questionnaire**

**14 September 2020**

**Prepared by:**

**Rebuilding HSC Services Programme Coordination Office**

**Department of Health**

**Annexe 3**

**Castle Buildings**

**Stormont Estate**

**Belfast BT4 3SQ**

 **Phone: 028 9052 3231**

 **Email: RebuildingHSC.Services@health-ni.gov.uk**

 **Website:** [www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/HSCframework](http://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/HSCframework)

**RESPONDING TO THE CONSULTATION**

You can let us know your views by completing our Consultation Questionnaire online via <https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/doh-healthcare-policy-group/temporary-amendments-to-the-health-and-social-care>

You can also complete our Consultation Questionnaire and submit the completed document to the Department by email or by returning a completed hard copy to the address below.

If this document is not in a format that suits your needs, please contact us and we can discuss alternative arrangements. Before you submit your response, please read the information at **Annex A** about the effect of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Environmental Regulations 2004, the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) and the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 on the confidentiality of responses to public consultation exercises.

For further information about how we process your information please see the following link which will take you to the Departmental Privacy Notice:

[**https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/health/DoH-Privacy-Notice.pdf**](https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/health/DoH-Privacy-Notice.pdf)

**Section 1 – Consultee Details**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Name (Optional):** |  |
| **Organisation and job  title (if applicable):** |  |
| **Address:** |  |
| **Email:** |  |

|  |
| --- |
|  |

Are you responding on behalf of your organisation or as an individual?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Organisation** |  | **(Please Tick)** |
| **Individual** |  |

**If replying as an individual, please indicate if you do not wish for your identity
to be made public.**

**Whilst not essential, it would assist the Department in analysing responses if responding on behalf of an organisation you could provide details of who your organisation represents and, where applicable, how the views of members were assembled.**

The last date for responses to this consultation is Friday 04 December 2020**.**

Responses should be sent to:

**Email**: **RebuildingHSC.Services@health-ni.gov.uk**

**By post**: **Rebuilding HSC Services Programme Coordination Office**

 **Department of Health**

 **Annexe 3**

 **Castle Buildings**

 **Stormont Estate**

 **Belfast BT4 3SQ**

**Section 2 – Questions relating to Temporary Amendments to the Health and Social Care Framework Document**

These questions should be read in conjunction with the proposals set out in the accompanying consultation document.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Question 1: Do you agree with the provisions in the new paragraph 2.4 in the HSC Framework Document[[1]](#footnote-1) which stipulate the Department of Health’s decision to create a new temporary management board, the ‘Management Board for Rebuilding HSC Services’ which will come into being in June 2020 for a period of two years to be reviewed thereafter? (Please Tick)** | **Yes** |  |
| **No** |  |
| *Please use this space to expand your answer.* |
|  |  |
| **Question 2: Do you agree with the provisions in the new paragraph 2.38 in the HSC Framework Document in which the Minister of Health has directed the Health and Social Care Board (HSCB), Public Health Agency (PHA), Health and Social Care (HSC) HSC Trusts and the Business Services Organisation (BSO) that for the two year period commencing in June 2020 they are to prioritise their service planning, delivery and deployment of resources to stabilise and restore service delivery as quickly as possible by achieving the right balance between delivering Covid-19 and non-Covid-19 activity? (Please Tick)** | **Yes** |  |
| **No** |  |
| *Please use this space to expand your answer:* |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Question 3: Do you agree with the provisions in the new paragraph 3.7 in the HSC Framework Document which provide the overarching context for the implementation of the requirements in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.6, in the HSC Framework Document, during the two year period commencing in June 2020? (Please Tick)** | **Yes** |  |
| **No** |  |
| *Please use this space to expand your answer:* |
| **Question 4: Are there any additional issues related to the temporary amendments to the HSC Framework Document that you would ask the Department to consider? (Please Tick)** | **Yes** |  |
| **No** |  |
| *Please use this space to expand your answer:* |

**Section 3 – Equality and Human Rights**

Section 75 of the [NI Act 1998](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/47/contents) requires departments in carrying out their functions relating to NI to have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity:

* between persons of different religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, marital status or sexual orientation;
* between men and women generally;
* between person with a disability and persons without; and
* between persons with dependants and persons without.

You may wish to refer to the Equality Screening, Disability Duties and Human Rights Assessment Template at [**https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations**](https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Question 5: Are any of the temporary amendments to the Health and Social Care Framework Document, set out in the consultation document, likely to have an adverse impact on any of the nine equality groups identified under Section 75 of the 1998 Act?  (Please Tick)** | **Yes** |  |
| **No** |  |
| *If yes, please state the group(s) and provide comment on how these adverse impacts could be reduced or alleviated in the proposals:* |
| **Question 6:  Are you aware of any indication or evidence – qualitative or quantitative – that any of the temporary amendments to the Health and Social Care Framework Document, set out in the consultation document, may have an adverse impact on equality of opportunity or on good relations? (Please Tick)** | **Yes** |  |
| **No** |  |
| *If yes, please give details and comment on what you think should be added or removed to alleviate the adverse impact:* |  |  |
| **Question 7: Is there an opportunity to better promote equality of opportunity or good relations? (Please Tick)** | **Yes** |  |
| **No** |  |
| *If yes, please give details as to how:* |  |  |
| **Question 8: Are there any aspects of the temporary amendments to the Health and Social Care Framework Document, set out in the consultation document, where potential human rights violations may occur? (Please Tick)** | **Yes** |  |
| **No** |  |
| *If yes, please give details as to how:* |  |  |

**Section 4 – Rural Impact**

The Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016 became operational on the 1 June 2017 and places a duty on public authorities, including government departments, to have due regard to rural needs when developing, adopting, implementing or revising policies, strategies and plans and when designing and delivering public services.  A draft rural needs impact assessment has been prepared against these policy proposals.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Question 9: Are the temporary amendments to the Health and Social Care Framework Document, set out in the consultation document, likely to have an adverse impact on rural areas? (Please Tick)** | **Yes** |  |
| **No** |  |
| *If yes, please provide comment on how these adverse impacts could be reduced or alleviated:* |

**Responses must be received no later than Friday 04 December 2020.**

**Thank you for your comments.**

**ANNEX A**

**Confidentiality and Access to information Legislation**

The Department may publish a summary of responses following completion of the consultation process. Your response, and all other responses to the consultation, may be published or disclosed on request in accordance with information legislation; these chiefly being the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR), the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679. 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 FOIA 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.

If you do not wish information about your identity to be made public please include an explanation in your response. Being transparent and providing accessible information to individuals about how we may use personal data is a key element of the DPA and the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679. The Department is committed to building trust and confidence in our ability to process personal information. This means that information provided by you in response to the consultation is unlikely to be treated as confidential, except in very particular circumstances.

For further information about confidentiality of responses please contact the Information Commissioner’s Office on **0303 123 1113** or via <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

1. <https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/dhssps-framework-document-september-2011> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)