9 May 2018

Dear Consultee

CONSULTATION ON DRAFT STRATEGY FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN: IMPROVING CHILDREN’S LIVES

The Department of Health [DoH] and Department of Education [DE] are consulting on the draft joint DoH/DE “Strategy for Looked After Children: Improving Children’s Lives” from 9 May 2018. The principal aim of the strategy and associated implementation plan is “to improve the overall wellbeing of looked after children and care experienced young people”. This strategy will replace the earlier looked after children Strategy “Care Matters in Northern Ireland – A Bridge to a Better Future” endorsed by the Executive in 2009.

A copy of the consultation document and questionnaire is available at https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/. Respondents are encouraged to use the online survey to submit their views.

If, however, you would prefer, you can also request a hard copy of the consultation document from lookedafterchildren@health-ni.gov.uk or PSU.Mail@education-ni.gov.uk and post your response to:

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The survey will be complemented by a series of Public Consultation Workshops held at venues across the province and places, which are free of charge. These can be reserved via Eventbrite at https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/ (a link to this is available on the main consultation page).

The closing date for the consultation is 4 July 2018 and we look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely

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