Dear Consultee

CONSULTATION ON STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR IMAGING SERVICES

The Department of Health would like to seek your views on a Strategic Framework for Imaging Services in Health and Social Care which was developed following a clinically led regional review of imaging services in Northern Ireland.

The aim of the review was to develop a 10 year strategy to address the need for improvement across a range of service issues, including increasing capacity to meet future demand and to further improve quality and safety.

The framework document outlines eight quality-based guiding principles to shape the design, configuration and delivery of HSC imaging services, and these underpin 19 strategic recommendations, grouped into five themes. The themes and recommendations condense common areas that are detailed in clinical reports produced by the work streams for adult, paediatric and interventional radiology, cardiology and obstetric imaging as well as reports from ICT, equipment and workforce issues.

In carrying out its work the review team identified early significant, critical or time-bound operational improvements that should be developed before completion of the review. This has included, for example, an expansion of the radiology trainee cohort, introduction of an accreditation scheme and improved procurement for interventional radiology consumables.

The consultation will be launched on 26 October 2017 and will run for eleven weeks until 12 January 2018. The consultation documents, including all the supporting reports, are accessible on the Department’s website at: https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations.
A hardcopy, or a copy in a different format, can be obtained by contacting the email address or telephone number provided below.

**Responding to the consultation**

Please ensure that your completed questionnaire includes; your name, organisation (if relevant), address, email address (if available) and telephone number, and whether your comments represent your own view or the corporate view of your organisation.

The closing date for comments is 5pm on Friday 12 January 2018. Responses received after this date will only be considered in exceptional circumstances and with prior agreement from the Department.

You should return your response by email or post to the following address:

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