



**Northern Ireland Ambulance Service
Health and Social Care Trust**



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Dear Consultee,

The Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Health and Social Care Trust (NIAS) conducted a public consultation designed to examine the principle of introducing body worn video for the purposes of violence prevention and reduction between 6 December 2021 and 14 February 2022. As part of this consultation, we undertook to carry out a further consultation to consider more detailed factors like deployment, usage, governance, policy and procedure, subject to a positive outcome to this initial consultation.

I am pleased to say there was a positive and supportive response to the initial consultation on the principle of introducing body worn video. Respondents to the consultation recognised the importance of prevention and reduction of violence and aggression, and that NIAS has a statutory duty to keep staff safe. A summary report of the consultation results, and the main themes identified from written feedback, public meetings and questions posted on social media is enclosed.

We now intend to carry out a pilot of the use of body worn video and, informed by comments made by consultees during the initial consultation, we have developed the enclosed consultation document on the Deployment Plan. The purpose of this consultation is to seek your views on this.

Alternatively, if you would like us to send you a copy of the consultation document, please contact the Trust's Equality Team on 07810 636990 or email john.gow@nias.hscni.net. An Easy Read version of the consultation document will also be published. If you have any queries about the document, and its availability in alternative formats (including Braille, disk, audio cassette and minority languages) please contact:

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A consultation questionnaire is available on our website for you to complete, but we would welcome your comments in any format. Please send your comments to:

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If you would like an opportunity to discuss any aspect of the consultation, please contact bwv@nias.hscni.net.

The closing date for comments is Friday 22 July 2022.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive

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