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Dear Sir/Madam

## **FEES AND FREQUENCY OF INSPECTIONS**

The Department of Health invites you to respond to the consultation on the proposed amendments to The Regulation and Improvement Authority (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) Regulations 2005.

The Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority (RQIA) is the independent body responsible for monitoring and inspecting registered establishments and agencies in order to encourage continuous improvement in the quality of health and social care services.

The Regulation and Improvement Authority (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 sets out the **fees** payable by registered establishments and agencies and the **frequency of inspections** to be carried out by RQIA.

The 2005 Regulations have not been reviewed since they were made and the Department is currently developing a policy which will bring the fees and frequency of inspections up to date and iron out inconsistencies, inequities and anomalies which have grown in the system since 2005. The proposed changes will also allow RQIA to better target their resources into inspections where they are needed most – providers who fail to meet the necessary minimum standards.

The consultation document and response questionnaire are both available via the Department's website at:

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

If, for any reason, you are unable to access the electronic versions of the documents you can request a paper copy by contacting Roisin Perkins on 028 9052 8332 or via e-mail to: [QRPL@health-ni.gov.uk](mailto:QRPL@health-ni.gov.uk) or by writing to the address below. The document and/or questionnaire may also be requested in an alternative format by also contacting this address.

Closing date for responses is **Friday 30 December 2016**. We would strongly encourage you to respond using the e-questionnaire found using the link above. Alternatively responses can be made by letter or e-mail to:

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