

The Consultation Process

In reviewing the issue of consent to serious harm the Review team has worked with key stakeholders who have provided valuable assistance and guidance. It has also conducted desk research, considering information from many jurisdictions around the world.

Further engagement will take place if requested during the consultation period. This will give you the opportunity to engage with the Review team and discuss any issues raised by the consultation paper, if you so wish.

Responding to this Consultation

We look forward to hearing from you if you wish to share your views.

If you require a hard copy of this consultation document or have any other enquiries please email your request to consentconsultation@justice-ni.x.gsi.gov.uk

or you can write to us at:

Consent Review Team,
Department of Justice,
Massey House,
Stormont Estate,
Belfast, BT4 3SX.

Duration and Closing Date

The consultation will be open for 8 weeks. The closing date is Monday 04 January.

Alternative Formats

Copies in alternative formats can be made available on request.

If it would assist you to access the document in an alternative format or language other than English please let us know and we will do our best to assist you.

Privacy, Confidentiality and Access to Consultation Responses

We may publish the responses we receive to this consultation, but will ensure no individual respondent's personal details are revealed unless specific authority is given. For more information about what we do with personal data please see our consultation privacy notice at **Annex A**.

Responses to this consultation may be disclosed in response to a request received under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR); however any disclosure will be in line with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679.

If you want the information that you provide to be treated as confidential it would be helpful if you could explain to us why, so that this may be considered should the Department receive a request under the FOIA or EIR.

Equality Screening and Rural Needs proofing

The Department of Justice has conducted rural needs and equality screening exercises on the decision to consult and proposed options. No potential adverse impact on any of the identified groups has been identified. Further screening exercises will be undertaken if required in relation to proposals following consideration of responses to the consultation.