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Dear Consultee

Update on Equality Screening and Consultations within the Public Prosecution Service (PPS)

It is important that the PPS keeps those interested in its work regularly informed of what it is doing to assess the impact of its policies as regards equality of opportunity and good relations.

Current Policy Work

On a quarterly basis PPS provides an update in respect of policies for which a screening exercise has been carried out, as well as details of forthcoming, current and closed consultations.

For the period 1 October – 31 December 2013, I can confirm that no screening exercises have been completed. Over the same period, no consultations have been commenced or closed. Looking ahead, while no policy consultations are planned for the next quarter to 31 March 2014, it is anticipated that a number of new / updated policies will be subject to consultation over the 2014/15 financial year. Further details will be provided in the next quarterly update and via the PPS Annual Business Plan (to be published April 2014).

PPS Website

You can visit the Public Prosecution Service website at www.ppsni.gov.uk to access our equality information and can review current and previous Section 75 reports and policy screening forms

(from January 2012). Any consultations undertaken by the PPS will be posted on the PPS website within the 'Consultation' area which is accessible from the home page. Other equality related information is located within the 'Equality' section.

Further information

If you or your organisation is interested in receiving any consultation documents or wish to register an interest in forthcoming work, please contact me stating if you would prefer a hard copy posted to you or an email version, providing your email address. You can also request a copy of the full screening decision on any policy in this way.

Documents will be made available in alternative formats, for example Braille, audio CD or disk. If you have any requests for alternative formats, or if you wish to make any other comment about this equality work, please contact me through any of the ways set out below. You can also update me of any changes to your contact details that may be required for future correspondence.

Yours faithfully,



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