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Dear Consultee

Update on Equality Screening, Equality Impact Assessments 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.

Please find below details of policy work carried out within the PPS from 1 January to 31 March 2013.

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.

Current Policy Work

This update lists policies both external and internal for which the PPS has carried out a screening exercise. It also includes details of forthcoming, current and closed consultations.

(a) Screening exercises completed 1 January – 31 March 2013:

Name of Policy	Brief Description	Outcome
<i>Anti-Fraud Policy and Fraud Response Plan</i>	<i>The policy aims to raise awareness of the potential of fraud and to ensure that staff are aware of their responsibilities regarding the prevention of fraud. It also aims to set out clearly the steps to be taken in the event of a fraud being detected or suspected.</i>	<i>Screened out</i>

(b) Forthcoming consultations:

Name of Policy	Brief Description	Current Status
<i>None</i>		

(c) Current consultations:

Name of Policy	Brief Description	Current Status
<i>None</i>		

(d) Recently closed consultations:

Name of Policy	Brief Description	Consultation closed	Remarks
<i>PPS Policy for Prosecuting Cases of Human Trafficking</i>	<i>The policy aims to explain how the PPS will deal with cases involving human trafficking, how prosecutorial decisions are taken and how</i>	<i>3 September 2012 extended to December 2012</i>	<i>Responses are currently under consideration. It is intended that the final policy will be published in May 2013.</i>

	<i>prosecutions are conducted.</i>		
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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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