



28 September 2012

Dear Consultee

**Re: 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 July 2012 to 30 September 2012.

**PPS Website**

You can visit the Public Prosecution Service website at [www.ppsni.gov.uk](http://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.

Screening exercises completed 1 July 2012 – 30 September 2012:

Name of Policy	Brief Description	Outcome
Public Prosecution Service Fees Scheme	The purpose of this policy is to outline the mechanics of the remuneration of independent counsel for legal services delivered on behalf of the Public Prosecution Service.	Screened out

Forthcoming Consultations

Name of Policy	Brief Description	Current Status	Remarks
None			

Current Consultations

Name of Policy	Brief Description	Current Status	Remarks
None			

Recently Closed Consultations

Name of Policy	Brief Description	Consultation Period closed	Remarks
Draft Equality Action Plan	The purpose of this plan is to outline the PPS's action measures to promote equality of opportunity and good relations.	20 April 2012	Responses have now been considered. A summary report and a copy of the final plan have been published on the PPS Website.
PPS Community	The purpose of this policy is to define a Community	20 April 2012	Responses have now been

Outreach Strategy	Outreach Strategy for the PPS which supports the achievement of strategic objectives.		considered. A summary report and a copy of the policy have been published on the PPS Website.
Making a Complaint about the PPS	The purpose of this policy is to set out the arrangements and procedures which the PPS will follow in responding to complaints from members of the public regarding the standard of service provided.	20 April 2012	Responses have now been considered. A summary report and a copy of the policy have been published on the PPS Website.
PPS Policy for Prosecuting Cases of Human Trafficking	The policy aims to explain how the PPS will deal with cases involving human trafficking, how prosecutorial decisions are taken and how prosecutions are conducted.	3 September 2012	Responses currently under consideration.

If you or your organisation is interested in receiving any of the current 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.

Consultation documents may 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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anna Scott". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and a stylized 'S'.

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