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Dear Consultee

**Re: Update on Equality Screening, Equality Impact Assessments and Consultations within the Public Prosecution Service (PPS)**

Please find below details of policy work carried out within the PPS from 1 April 2012 to 30 June 2012. 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.

**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 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 current and closed consultations.

Screening exercises completed 1 April 2012 – 30 June 2012:

Name of Policy	Brief Description	Outcome
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.	Screened out
Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy	This policy seeks to provide staff working at all levels and grades within the PPS with clear guidance on the impact of the Bribery Act 2010.	Screened out

Current Consultations

Name of Policy	Brief Description	Current Status	Remarks
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.	Closes 3 September 2012	

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	20 April 2012	Responses have been

	measures to promote equality of opportunity and good relations.		considered and feedback will be given to consultees over the coming weeks. The final plan has been published on the PPS website.
PPS Community Outreach Strategy	The purpose of this policy is to define a Community Outreach Strategy for the PPS which supports the achievement of strategic objectives.	20 April 2012	Responses currently under consideration
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 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'.

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