



## News Release 2012

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### **PPS LAUNCHES CONSULTATION ON POLICY FOR PROSECUTING CASES OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

The PPS views the trafficking in human beings a serious crime which demeans the value of human life. It is a form of modern day slavery, whether it is for labour, sexual or other forms of exploitation.

The most effective way of combating human trafficking is disruption, which includes prosecution. The PPS is committed to reducing the harm caused by trafficking and exploitation through prosecuting those responsible where the Test for Prosecution is met.

As part of its ongoing commitment to developing its services to victims and witnesses, PPS has today launched a public consultation on its Policy for [Prosecuting Cases of Human Trafficking](#).

The Policy explains the role of the PPS and the way in which it deals with cases involving human trafficking and the wide range of other crimes associated with it.

It provides guidance about how decisions as to prosecution are taken and also outlines the services available to victims and witnesses of trafficking.

The consultation will run from 8 June to 3 September 2012.

The PPS looks forward to receiving views from the community throughout Northern Ireland which it will consider in formulating this policy.

## ***Notes to Editors***

The consultation document on PPS Policy for Prosecuting Cases of Human Trafficking may be viewed or downloaded at [www.ppsni.gov.uk](http://www.ppsni.gov.uk).

Any member of the public may comment on the policy by emailing the PPS to: [info@ppsni.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:info@ppsni.gsi.gov.uk)

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