

28 August 2015

Dear Consultee

Consultation on how we commission services from the community and voluntary sector

One of the Trust's greatest strengths is our partnerships with the community and voluntary sector. It is important that the Trust adopts robust processes for the commissioning and procurement of services from the community and voluntary sector, not least because of the significant challenges facing health and social care and the need to demonstrate value for money. We have developed criteria that we propose to take into account when reviewing the current services we commission from the community and voluntary sector and when commissioning new services.

Our consultation document details the steps we will take in our review and the proposed criteria we would use. We would like to know how relevant and useful you feel they will be. We are consulting over a 12 week period beginning 28 August 2015 until 20 November 2015.

The consultation document can be found on the Trust's website at <http://www.northerntrust.hscni.net>. Alternatively, if you would like us to send you a copy of the consultation document please contact the Trust's Equality Unit on 028 2766 1377 or email equality.unit@northerntrust.hscni.net. A comments form is available on our website for you to complete, however, we welcome your comments in any format. Comments should be returned to the Equality Unit by 20 November 2015. We are holding workshops in each of the Trust's localities to engage directly with the community and voluntary sector, see below. Please let the Equality Unit know if you will be attending one of the workshops.

Causeway – 28 October, 2pm – 4pm (Main Hall, Sandel Centre, Coleraine)
East Antrim - 29 October, 2pm – 4pm (Linen Room, Mossley Mill, Newtownabbey)
Antrim/Ballymena – 30 October, 10am – 12noon (Glendun Room, All Saints Parish Centre, Ballymena)
Mid Ulster – 3 November, 2pm – 4 pm (The Studio, Burnavon, Cookstown)

If you have any queries about our proposals and the availability of the documents in alternative formats (including Braille, disk, audio cassette and minority languages) then please contact:

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We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely



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