

1 July 2014

Dear Consultee

**Reprovision of mental health inpatient services**

We have developed our mental health services over recent years and the vast majority of people now receive support in their own homes and communities. We know that some people still require an inpatient admission and we believe that this should be to a high standard of care within appropriate accommodation.

We have developed a consultation document which outlines our proposal to develop a new, purpose built Mental Health Inpatient Unit for the Northern Trust area. The document details our current acute mental health services and why we feel they need to change. The document also asks for your views on our proposal and outlines how you can tell us what you think.

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](mailto:equality.unit@northerntrust.hscni.net)

In keeping with our legislative requirements under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act we have also completed an Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) on the proposed changes. A copy of the EQIA can also be found on the Trust's website.

We look forward to the period of consultation to give us an opportunity to listen to your views. A consultation Proforma is available on our website for you to complete, however, we welcome your comments in any format. We are consulting for 16 weeks beginning 1 July 2014. Comments should be returned to the Equality Unit by 21 October 2014.

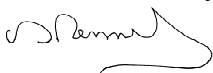
If you have any queries about these documents, and their availability in alternative formats (including Braille, disk, audio cassette and minority languages) then please contact:

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We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely



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