

CONSULTATION SCHEDULE – Council Meeting 5 September 2023

	RECEIVED FROM	TITLE	SUBMISSION BY
1.	Department for Communities	Consultation on the McCloud Remedy in the Local Government Pension Scheme (Northern Ireland) Supplementary issues and draft regulations	1 September 2023
	<p>This consultation seeks views on changes to the Local Government Pension Scheme in Northern Ireland (LGPS (NI)). Following a consultation in 2020/21 to remove unlawful discrimination found by the Courts in the ‘McCloud’ case. The Department is now seeking further views on issues relating to the McCloud remedy. The Department is also seeking views on draft scheme regulations which would implement the remedy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Consultation on the McCloud Remedy in the Local Government Pension Scheme (Northern Ireland) Department for Communities (communities-ni.gov.uk)</u> 		
2.	Department of Health and Social Care	Consultation: Proposal to enable dental hygienists and dental therapists to supply and administer specific medicines under exemptions	15 September 2023
	<p>The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, in relation to England and Wales and Scotland, and in conjunction with the Department of Health NI in relation to Northern Ireland (pursuant to Section 45(1) of the MMD Act), is seeking views on the proposal to amend the HMRs to allow dental hygienists and dental therapists to supply and administer certain medicines under exemptions. The proposed change will support dental hygienists and dental therapists in providing the right care to patients to reduce unnecessary delays where it is safe and appropriate to do so.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Consultation on Proposal to enable dental hygienists and dental therapists to supply and administer specific medicines under exemptions Department of Health and Social Care (gov.uk)</u> 		

3.	Department of Health and Social Care	Consultation on amendments to regulations 3A, 19 and 247A of the Human Medicines Regulations 2012 to support the ongoing delivery of COVID-19 and influenza vaccination	18 September 2023
<p>The UK government has launched a UK-wide consultation on proposals to amend Regulation 247A of the Human Medicines Regulations 2012 to allow the Health Service to continue maximising the use of unregistered staff for the COVID-19 and flu vaccine programmes when COVID-19 is declared to be endemic rather than a pandemic. The consultation also proposes to extend existing provisions in Regulations 3A and 19 of the Human Medicines Regulations to maintain existing flexibilities to support the continuing supply; distribution and administration of COVID-19 and Influenza for an additional 1-2 years as we transition out of the pandemic.</p> <p>The joint consultation will run for 6 weeks, and is facilitated by virtue of the primary powers contained in the Medicines and Medical Devices Act 2021 (MMDA).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on amendments to regulations 3A, 19 and 247A of the Human Medicines Regulations 2012 Department of Health and Social Care (gov.uk) 			
4.	Department of Health and Social Care	Consultation: Proposal for the use of patient group directions by pharmacy technicians	29 September 2023
<p>This consultation will inform the government's proposal to enable pharmacy technicians to supply and administer medicines using patient group directions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on Proposal for the use of Patient Group Directions by Pharmacy Technicians Department of Health and Social Care (gov.uk) 			
5.	Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency	Outputs Consultation	15 October 2023
<p>This consultation forms an important part of NISRA's response to this challenging financial context. To meet our financial constraints while producing high quality statistics and progressing key parts of our transformation agenda, NISRA will need to make some changes to our statistical outputs and activities. We continue to focus on making our core operations as efficient as possible – ensuring our resources are targeted where they can add the most value for users while meeting our statutory obligations. However, some changes to our statistical outputs will also be required to scale our activities and funding appropriately. This consultation seeks views from users and stakeholders on a range of proposed changes to our statistical outputs which are set out in detail below. These proposals relate to outputs produced by NISRA statisticians</p>			

	<p>based in the Department of Finance only: further consultations on statistics produced by NISRA statisticians in other departments are likely to follow. This consultation includes statistical outputs which we propose will: 1. be suspended until further notice 2. be scaled back in frequency or in their content 3. be delayed from their planned publication dates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outputs Consultation Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (nisra.gov.uk) 		
6.	The Diversity and Inclusion Unit Queen's University Belfast	Consultation seeking the views of staff, students, Trade Union representatives and external consultees on our new draft Equality Scheme and Action Plan 2024-2029	23 October 2023
	<p>Underpinning Strategy 2030 and our People and Culture Plan, the draft Equality Scheme and Action Plan reflect the University's commitment to sustaining and developing a work, study and research environment that recognises, values and celebrates the diversity of our staff and students. The documents set out our arrangements for fulfilling our statutory equality duties and our plan for their implementation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.qub.ac.uk/directorates/HumanResources/diversity-and-inclusion/policies-procedures-and-guidance/consultation-exercises/ 		
7.	Department of Finance	Consultation on a review of energy efficiency requirements and related areas of Building Regulations	15 November 2023
	<p>This is a discussion document reviewing energy efficiency requirements and related areas of Building Regulations, issued by the Department for a 16-week consultation period.</p> <p>The document includes pre-consultation detail outlining potential next steps on a range of inter-related areas, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conservation of fuel and power • ventilation • mitigation of overheating in dwellings; and • electric vehicle charging infrastructure to parking spaces at buildings. <p>The consultation will help prepare for quite significant changes, including steps that would make conventional boilers using the highest carbon intensity fuels, such as home heating oil, unviable in most new buildings. It explores expectations for low-carbon heating, such as heat-pumps or heat networks for new buildings and considers wider issues, such as embodied carbon in materials and background assumptions in assessment methodologies.</p> <p>This consultation was indicated as part of a programme for energy related aspects of the Building Regulations published in the Executive's Strategy- A Path to Net Zero Energy.</p>		

- [Consultation on a range of technical issues relating to Building Regulations | Department of Finance \(finance-ni.gov.uk\)](#)

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Department of Finance	Equality Screening - Review of NICS Recruitment Advertising Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equality Screening Department of Finance (finance-ni.gov.uk)
Department of Finance	EQAI Screening Document for Special Leave Policy 3.08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equality Screening Department of Finance (finance-ni.gov.uk)
Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs	Annual Progress Reports to the Equality Commission (DAERA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress Report Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (daera-ni.gov.uk)
Department of Finance	Equality Screening – Raising Concerns Operational Arrangements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equality Screening Department of Finance (finance-ni.gov.uk)
Department for the Economy	Department for the Economy has published a summary of its consultation on drafts of its Equality Scheme, Disability Action Plan and Audit of Inequalities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of responses
Department of Finance	EQIA - NICS LGBTQ+ Role Models Guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equality Screening Department of Finance (finance-ni.gov.uk)
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council	Equality Screening – Policies screened for the period April – June 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equality Screening Newry, Mourne and Down District Council (newrymourneanddown.org)

Open Consultations (previously Listed)

- Northern Ireland Policing Board - Northern Ireland Policing Board Engagement Strategy 2023-25 Consultation - submission by 5th September 2023
- The Executive Office - Provision of Free Period Products – Public Consultation – submission by 18th September 2023

- Department for Communities - Consultation on changes to Discretionary Support Scheme – submission by 25th September 2023
- Northern Health and Social Care Trust - Consultation on Draft Equality and Disability Action Plans 2023-28 – 25th September 2023
- Department of Finance - Equality Screening for fire safety changes to Building Regulations – 25th September 2023
- The Executive Office - Consultation on the Children's Rights Impact Assessment and Rural Need Impact Assessment for the Executive Office's Spending Plans for 2023-24 – submission by 2nd October 2023
- Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs - Consultation on Northern Ireland's 2030 & 2040 Emissions Reduction Targets & First Three Carbon Budgets & Seeking views on Climate Change Committee (CCC) Advice Report: The path to a Net Zero Northern Ireland – submission by 10th October 2023