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1.	The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs	Just Transition Commission Consultation	17 January 2025 (expired)
	<p>The Just Transition Commission for Northern Ireland, once established, will give effect to the powers proposed in the Climate Change (Northern Ireland) Act and provide an advisory and oversight function to ensure all departments are having due regard to just transition in their emissions reduction policies produced under the Act. The Commission will also provide advice on just transition matters to all Northern Ireland departments.</p> <p>The consultation will remain open until the 17 January 2025. The primary response method to this consultation is through the online survey on the Citizen Space Hub which can be accessed via the DAERA Consultation page:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on the establishment of a Just Transition Commission Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs 		
2.	Department for Communities	Equality Impact Assessment Consultation on Anti-Social Behaviour Housing proposals	3 February 2025
	<p>The Department for Communities is consulting on a draft Equality Impact Assessment in respect of housing-related Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) proposals, specifically injunctions against ASB and Absolute Grounds for Possession.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/consultations/equality-assessment-consultation-anti-social-behaviour-housing-proposals 		

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3.	Department of Health	Consultation: Hospitals – Creating a Network for Better Outcomes	28 February 2025
	<p>The Department of Health is inviting people to attend a series of public events as part of the consultation on the hospital reconfiguration framework.</p> <p>The consultation, “Hospitals – Creating a Network for Better Outcomes”, was launched on 2 October and sets out the key principles to underpin service reorganisation.</p> <p>The aim of the consultation is to address a number of areas including the need for hospital reconfiguration, how hospitals can work together for better outcomes, where services are and how people can get the services they need in a sustainable way.</p> <p>The dates and locations of all upcoming meetings are outlined below within the Link.</p> <p>The meetings will provide information about the proposals, answer questions from the public, and encourage participation in the consultation process.</p> <p>Details on how to register for each of the public events can be found at the following link: https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/public-consultation-events-hospital-network-3916073?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=odclsxcollection</p> <p>The consultation deadline has now been extended until 28 February 2025.</p> <p>Please view the consultation details and complete the questionnaire online at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospitals - Creating a Network for Better Outcomes - Public Consultation Department of Health 		

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4.	Public Health Agency (PHA)	Consultation for the draft PHA Corporate Plan 2025-2030	28 February 2025
	<p>This draft plan sets out the strategic direction for the Public Health Agency for the next five years and has been developed through engagement with staff and colleagues and a wide range of external stakeholders.</p> <p>This draft outlines the purpose, direction and priorities for the PHA over the next five years and will be supported by an implementation plan and annual business plans, enabling the PHA to incorporate new priorities and challenges that may arise over this period.</p> <p>Consultation is an important part of the development of the draft Corporate Plan 2025-2030 and we really want to hear your views on the plan..</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/consultations/current-consultations 		
5.	Northern Ireland Executive	Review of Trust Ports	10 March 2025
	<p>The Department for Infrastructure is inviting the public to have their say as a consultation is launched on its policy relating to Ports and any legislative changes that are necessary for this sector.</p> <p>Responses can be submitted via the Citizen Space website accessed at the link below no later than 10th March 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://consultations2.nidirect.gov.uk/dfi-1/review-of-trust-ports/ 		

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6.	Department of Health	Consultation for automatic support being provided under the Help with Health Costs scheme for Universal Credit recipients	10 March 2025
	<p>The purpose of this consultation is to outline the potential changes to the eligibility criteria for automatic support being provided under the Help with Health Costs scheme for Universal Credit recipients.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on the passporting of eligible individuals to Help with Health Costs following the introduction of Universal Credit - NI Direct - Citizen Space 		
7.	Department for the Economy	Notice of Intention to Award Mineral Prospecting Licences	4 April 2025
	<p>The Department for the Economy (the Department) has received an application for a Mineral Prospecting Licence (MPL) which includes land situated in your Council area.</p> <p>The application is known as DGA4/25 and is from Dalradian Gold Limited.</p> <p>In accordance with the above legislation, the Department has deemed the application to be valid. Before reaching a final decision on the award of the Licence, the Department is required to serve notice on your organisation of its intention to grant the Licence and to consider any representation made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department for the Economy: Consultations using the reference above. <p>**Note: the correspondence on this matter was considered at the Planning Committee on 22 January 2025.</p>		

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8.	Department for Infrastructure	Living With Water in Derry Plan	7 April 2025
	<p>The draft Living With Water in Derry / Londonderry Plan sets out proposals for a strategic long-term approach to drainage and wastewater management in the city and surrounding area. It proposes a collaborative multi-agency approach by encouraging partners to work together to develop the right solutions in the right places promoting a combination of traditional hard engineered measures alongside natural solutions such as using open green spaces to naturally absorb and store surface water.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/living-water-derrylondonderry-draft-plan-consultation. 		
9.	Department of Finance	Consultation on adjustments to employee contribution rates for the Northern Ireland Civil Service Pension Scheme	7 April 2025
	<p>The Department of Finance has launched a consultation entitled “Northern Ireland Civil Service Pension Scheme: Consultation on Scheme Yield / Member Contributions” on adjustments to employee contribution rates for the Northern Ireland Civil Service Pension Scheme. These adjustments are needed in order to meet scheme requirements for the total of member contributions received to the scheme (the scheme ‘yield’).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/consultations/northern-ireland-civil-service-pension-scheme-consultation-scheme-yield-member-contributions 		
10.	Department of Health	Equality Impact Assessment and Rural Needs Impact Assessment of the Draft 2025-26 Health Budget	9 April 2025
	<p>The Department of Health’s Equality Impact Assessment document provides an Equality Impact Assessment of the Draft 2025-26 Budget for the Department, and we are seeking your comments on the equality implications.</p>		

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	<p>In order for consultation responses to be shared with the Department of Finance we would appreciate early responses by 28 February 2025 however the consultation will remain open until 9 April 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-draft-budget-2025-26 		
11.	Department for Infrastructure	Consultation on changing the frequency of MOT testing	16 April 2025
	<p>The Department for Infrastructure (Dfi) is launching a consultation to seek views on changing the frequency of MOT testing from one year to two years (Biennial) for some private cars, motorcycles and light goods vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/biennial-mot-test-consultation 		
12.	Northern Health and Social Care Trust	Consultation on piloting the use of Body-worn Camera Devices within the Emergency Department	1 May 2025
	<p>The Northern Health and Social Care Trust has developed a consultation document, which details why it would like to pilot the use of body worn cameras to protect staff and safeguard patients.</p> <p>The consultation document, 'Piloting the use of Body-worn Camera Devices within the Emergency Department', can be found on the Trust's website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.northerntrust.hscni.net/about-the-trust/involving-you/consultations/piloting-the-use-of-body-worn-camera-devices-within-the-emergency-department/ 		

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Department for Communities	Section 75 Screening Report - 01 Oct - 31 Dec 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/articles/equality-screening-archive-october-december-2024
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council	Equality Policy Screening Report for period October - December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.newrymournedown.org/corporate-policy-and-equality
Department of Health	Equality Screening Report for October 2024 – December 2024.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equality screening reports Department of Health

Open Consultations (previously Listed)

- Department for Communities Equality Assessment Consultation on Anti-Social Behaviour Housing Proposals submission by 3 February 2024
- Department for Communities Consultation on the Gender Pay Gap Information Regulations submission by 14 February 2025
- Department of Education Review of Free School Meals and Uniform Grant Eligibility Criteria submission by 14 February 2025
- Ulster University Equality Screening of Ulster University's New and Revised Policies - Public Consultation submission by 24 February 2024
- Equality Commission for Northern Ireland Draft Corporate Plan submission by 6 February 2025
- Department for Communities Consultation on draft statutory guidance to support the implementation of the McCloud Remedy in the Local Government Pension Scheme (NI) submission by 19 February 2025
- Department of Justice Consultation on proposals for a Victims and Witnesses of Crime Bills submission by 20 February 2025

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- Department of Health Consultation on strategy for the sustainable use of medicines submission by 26 February 2025
- Public Health Agency Consultation on the draft PHA Corporate Plan 2025-2030 submission by 28 February 2025
- Northern Ireland Policing Board Corporate Plan for 2025-30 submission by 3 March 2025
- Department for Communities Consultation on a new Fuel Poverty Strategy for Northern Ireland submission by 6 March 2025
- Department of Health Consultation re: Pathology Blueprint Programme Equality Impact Assessment submission by 18 March 2025
- Department of Health Public consultation on the draft 'Being Open Framework' submission by 21 March 2025