

Consultation Schedule – Council Meeting 3 June 2025

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Department of Education	Department of Education - 16-18 Legislation - Main	4 July 2025
<p>This consultation proposes legislation for all learners to participate in education, apprenticeship or training until age 18. It also explores how it will impact schools, Further Education colleges, employers, training providers and the voluntary and community sector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/de/departments-of-education-16-18-legislation-main/ 		
Department of Education	Strengthening Inspection Legislation	10 July 2025
<p>Consultation on strengthening inspection legislation for schools and other education and training establishments. The consultation will run from 15 May to 10 July 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/consultations/strengthening-inspection-legislation 		
Department of Justice	Sentence Reduction for Guilty Pleas	11 July 2025
<p>The purpose of this consultation is to invite your views on the way in which the criminal justice system in Northern Ireland deals with reductions in sentence length when a plea of guilty is entered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/consultations/sentence-reduction-guilty-pleas 		
Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs	Public Consultation on the proposed Nutrients Action Programme for 2026 – 2029	24 July 2025
<p>The Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) has launched a public consultation on the review of the Nutrients Action Programme (NAP) (2019) and seeks feedback on the proposed NAP for 2026 – 2029.</p>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/public-consultation-proposed-nutrients-action-programme-2026-2029 	
Department of Health	Consultation on Regional Review of Neurology Services - Final Report	6 August 2025
	<p>The Department of Health is undertaking a public consultation on the final report of the Regional Review of Neurology Services. The Department welcomes your views on the report's analysis, findings and proposed recommendations which are intended to drive improvements in future neurology services in Northern Ireland.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-regional-review-neurology-services-final-report <p>These events will provide the opportunity for people to share their views on proposed recommendations of the Neurology Review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/regional-review-of-neurology-ni-consultation-4297653 	
Department for Infrastructure	Using a Mobile Phone While Driving - Consultation on Changing the Law	14 August 2025
	<p>The Department is seeking the public's views on all of the mobile phone related proposals and has included seven consultation questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://consultations2.nidirect.gov.uk/dfi-1/using-a-mobile-phone-while-driving-the-law/ 	
Department of Health	Consultation on the HSC Children and Young People's Emotional Health and Wellbeing Framework	28 August 2025
	<p>The Department of Health is consulting on the Health and Social Care Children and Young People's Emotional Health and Wellbeing (EHWB) Framework. The Framework, when finalised, will support health and social care services and</p>	

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	<p>practitioners to collaborate with other services, agencies and key stakeholders in order to rationalise, coordinate and integrate high-quality, evidence-based support, intervention and diagnostic care pathways that best meet the needs of children, young people and their families. We would welcome your views on the draft Framework during this consultation period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-hsc-children-and-young-peoples-emotional-health-and-wellbeing-framework 		
	TEO Covid Inquiry Team	Stakeholder engagement - Covid-19 Inquiry Module 1 - Executive's response	4 June 2025 (circulated to Councillors on 20 May 2025)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correspondence attached seeking your views. 		

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RECEIVED FROM	TITLE	PUBLISHED
Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs	Equality Screening Report: January – March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correspondence attached

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Ulster University	Equality screening of Ulster University's new and revised policies - Public consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.ulster.ac.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/176153/Equality-Scheme-for-UU-23-10-23.pdf
Equality Unit Business Services Organisation	Publication of Quarterly Screening Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://bso.hscni.net/directorates/people-and-place/equality-and-human-rights/equality-screening/
Equality Unit Capacity, Capability, Equality & Diversity Branch Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs	Equality Screening Report: January – March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/equality-screening-2025

Open Consultations (previously Listed)

- Department for Infrastructure Draft 2025-26 Budget Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) consultation submission by 4 June 2025;
- Department of Health Consultation on redesign of Serious Adverse Incident procedure submission by 6 June 2025;
- Department of Health Consultation on Proposals to amend the Minimum Standards for Childminding and Day Care for Children Under Age 12 submission by 20 June 2025.

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Equality Screening Report: January – March 2025

Please find attached the Department's equality screening report for the period 01 January – 31 March 2025.

The purpose of publishing the screening outcomes report is to ensure that stakeholders are aware of any final decisions in relation to completed screenings.

The full screening documents can be found on the DAERA website at:

[Equality Screening 2025 | Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs](#)

Your views are important to the Department, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Equality Unit

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If you are deaf or have a hearing difficulty you can
contact the Department via the Next Generation Text
Relay Service by dialling 18001 + telephone number.



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15 May 2025

Dear Stakeholder,

NI EXECUTIVE'S RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 INQUIRY MODULE 1 REPORT

The UK Covid-19 Inquiry is an independent public inquiry into the UK's response to and the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Baroness Heather Hallett, the Chair to the UK Covid-19 Inquiry, launched the inquiry in July 2022.

As you may be aware, the UK Covid-19 Inquiry published its first report on Module 1 (Resilience and Preparedness) on 18 July 2024, which made 10 key recommendations [Module 1 Report - The resilience and preparedness of the United Kingdom - UK Covid-19 Inquiry](#). Following agreement at the Executive meeting on 9 January 2025, the Executive approved publication of its Response to the UK Covid Inquiry Module 1 Report - [Executive Response to the COVID-19 Module 1 Report Jan 2025 | The Executive Office](#).

Work is underway on implementing actions to address the recommendations. We are committed to ensuring that these actions align with the needs and expectations of all involved parties and recognise the invaluable role that you can play in this process.

We are seeking your views on the implementation of the actions. Several engagement sessions have been scheduled, either in person or online, at which your views can be provided. The details of these sessions (subject to change) are as follows:

- Online – 30 May 2025 at 2pm
- Online – 3 June 2025 at 11.30am
- In-person – Castle Buildings, Stormont Estate – 29 May 2025 at 2pm
- In-person – Castle Buildings, Stormont Estate – 4 June 2025 at 2.30pm

If you are interested in attending any of the sessions, please forward your details (name, email address and organisation) to the above email address along with information on which session

you would like to attend, **as soon as practicable**. You should also let us know of any accessibility requirements.

Space will be limited at the in-person events; therefore, slots will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

The online events will be held on Microsoft Teams – joining details will issue to those who have expressed an interest **on receipt of expression of interest**.

We also welcome written feedback, which can be provided using the [NI Direct Citizen Space website](#) or emailed to Covid.inquiry@executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk. Please provide your feedback by **4 June 2025** so we can incorporate your perspectives into our ongoing consideration of actions required to address the recommendations made by the Covid-19 Inquiry.

While we are currently seeking feedback in response to the Module 1 recommendations, there will be ongoing engagement as further modules reports are published by the Inquiry, and invites will issue to stakeholders accordingly.

Your participation is important in this process, and we are grateful for your time and input. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you would like to discuss further.

Together we can ensure that the inquiry's recommendations are implemented effectively and in a manner that benefits all stakeholders.

Yours sincerely,

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