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The Executive Office	DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT 2024-2027 ‘OUR PLAN: DOING WHAT MATTERS MOST’- DOCUMENTS	2nd December 2024 Circulated to Elected Members 25 November 2024
<p>The Northern Ireland Executive has published the draft Programme for Government 2024-2027 ‘Our Plan: Doing What Matters Most’</p> <p>The draft Programme for Government 2024-2027 'Our Plan: Doing What Matters Most' has been subject to an equality screening exercise. An Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA), Child Rights Impact Assessment and Rural Needs Impact Assessment have also been prepared.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.northernireland.gov.uk/PFG-Documents 		
Department for the Economy	PROPOSALS TO AMEND THE INSOLVENCY (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1989, THE COMPANY DIRECTORS DISQUALIFICATION (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2002 AND THE INSOLVENT PARTNERSHIPS ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1995	1 January 2025
<p>Summary</p> <p>Consultation on proposals to amend the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989, the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 and the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposals to Amend the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989, the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 and the Insolvent Partnerships Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 Department for the Economy 		

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Department of Education	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUDGET 2024/25 - EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT	10 January 2025
<p>Summary Department of Education Budget 2024-25 sets out the spending plans for the period from April 2024 to March 2025. This document details the Department's Budget 2024-25 allocations and how they will impact on the Department's ability to deliver public services, in the midst of the current cost of living crisis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Education Budget 2024/25 - Equality Impact Assessment Department of Education 		
Department of Justice	CONSULTATION ON REPEAL OF THE VAGRANCY ACT 1824 AND THE VAGRANCY (IRELAND) ACT 1847	21 January 2025
<p>Summary The Department of Justice is seeking views on its plans to decriminalise rough sleeping and begging by repealing the relevant provisions of the Vagrancy Act 1824 and the Vagrancy (Ireland) Act 1847 and whether respondents consider that this will leave significant gaps in the criminal law, taking into account the range of other offences available to deal with public order, disorderly behaviour and harassment in public places.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on Repeal of the Vagrancy Act 1824 and the Vagrancy (IRELAND) Act 1847 Department of Justice 		
Department for Communities	EQUALITY ASSESSMENT CONSULTATION ON ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR HOUSING PROPOSALS	3 February 2024
<p>Summary</p>		

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	<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"> • Equality Assessment Consultation on Anti-Social Behaviour Housing Proposals Department for Communities 	
Department for Communities	CONSULTATION ON THE GENDER PAY GAP INFORMATION REGULATIONS	14 February 2025
	<p>Summary The Department for Communities is holding a 12-week public consultation on The Gender Pay Gap Information Regulations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-gender-pay-gap-information-regulations 	
Department of Education	REVIEW OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND UNIFORM GRANT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	14 February 2025
	<p>Summary The Department of Education has launched a consultation on the options considered as part of the review of the eligibility criteria for free school meals and uniform grants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/consultations/review-free-school-meals-and-uniform-grant-eligibility-criteria 	
Ulster University	EQUALITY SCREENING OF ULSTER UNIVERSITY'S NEW AND REVISED POLICIES - PUBLIC CONSULTATION	24 February 2024
	<p>Ulster University is consulting on the equality screening of the following new and revised policies</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance of Donations Policy Health and Safety Fieldwork Procedure Health and Safety Internal Inspection and Audit Procedure Manual Handling Procedure Health and Safety Protocol for Conducting Online Meetings Health and Safety Smoking and Vaping Procedure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation Exercises 	

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Department of Finance	DoF Equality Screening for Part E (Fire safety) changes to Building Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-10/DoF%20Equality%20Screening%20for%20%20Part%20E%20%28Fire%20safety%29%20changes%20to%20Buildin%20Regulations%20-%20October%20%202024_1.pdf
Health and Social Care – Business Services Organisation	Equality Screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equality Screening - Business Services Organisation (BSO) Website
HSC NI Publication of Quarterly Screening Report	Screening exercises undertaken for the period Jul–Sep 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://bso.hscni.net/directorates/people-and-place/equality-and-human-rights/equality-screening/

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Open Consultations (previously Listed)

- Northern Ireland Screen - Equality Scheme, submission by December 2024;
- Department for Communities Consultation on strengthening Statutory Sick Pay, submission by 4 December 2024;
- Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Cluster Substation Update Consultation, submission by 6 December 2024;
- Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs Draft Environmental Principles Policy Statement, submission by 9 December 2024;
- Northern Ireland Policing Board Consultation Stakeholder Events on the Draft Policing Plan 2025-2030, submission by 10 December 2024;
- Department for the Economy Design Plan for the Roll-Out of Smart Electricity Meters, submission by 12 December 2024;
- Police Service of Northern Ireland Race and Ethnicity Action Plan 2025 - 2027 Consultation, submission by 16 December 2024;
- Department for the Economy Support for Low Carbon Heat in The Residential Sector, submission by 31 December 2024;
- Maze Long Kesh Section 75 NI Act 1998 - Maze Long Kesh Development Consultation: Equality Action Plan, Disability Action Plan and Equality Scheme, submission by 24 January 2025.