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## **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS TO CRIMINALISE SEXUALLY EXPLICIT DEEPPAKE IMAGES**

Please find attached the Probation Board for Northern Ireland (PBNI) response to the above consultation. PBNI are supportive of the proposed amendment to the Justice Bill to provide for offences related to sexually explicit deepfake images. Sexually explicit deepfake images are another form of sexual abuse. They have a devastating impact on victims. The offences should be able to be dealt with in both the magistrates and crown courts to reflect the varying levels of seriousness. There should be a distinction between offences committed for sexual gratification and those committed to humiliate/cause distress with the former being brought into the scope of Notification Requirements/PPANI.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a response to the consultation.



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Enclosure