

Policy Equality Screening Report October 2014

Update on Equality Screening and Consultations within the Probation Board for Northern Ireland

The Probation Board for Northern Ireland (PBNI) wishes to keep our consultees regularly informed about what we are doing to assess the impact of our policies regarding the promotion of equality of opportunity and good relations.

Please find below details of equality impact screening work carried out by the PBNI from July to September 2014.

Policy Equality Screening

Name of Policy	Brief Description	Outcome
Management of Information Policy (MOI)	The MOI policy is intended to reflect the Board's commitment to process information in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and other relevant laws and regulations and to ensure that PBNI staff are aware of their statutory responsibilities in this regard.	Screened Out
Substance Misuse Strategy	PBNI will primarily focus on harm reduction in addressing substance misuse. Through this, it will contribute to reducing offending and making communities safer.	Screened Out
Amendment to Financial Assistance to Offenders Procedures – Offender Travel Expenses: Effective 1 Oct 2014- 31 March 2015	Payments may be made to offenders for assistance for offenders to travel to supervision or programmes as required by PBNI under the terms of their order/licence. The amendment will limit this payment to journey in excess of 6 miles for unemployed offenders with weekly supervision/programmes attendance were financial hardship is likely.	Screened out with Mitigation
Closure of PBNI Reporting Centre, Cookstown	To deploy resources to offer the most efficient use of PBNI resources	Screened out with Mitigation
Closure of PBNI Reporting Centre Shankill Road	To deploy resources to offer the most efficient use of PBNI resources	Screened out with Mitigation
Closure of PBNI Reporting Centre Glengormley	To deploy resources to offer the most efficient use of PBNI resources	Screened out with Mitigation

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Closure of PBNI Reporting Centre Limavady	To deploy resources to offer the most efficient use of PBNI resources	<i>Screened out with Mitigation</i>
Closure of PBNI Reporting Centre Lurgan	To deploy resources to offer the most efficient use of PBNI resources	<i>Screened out with Mitigation</i>

If you or your organisation is interested in receiving any policy documents or wish to register an interest in forthcoming work, please contact me.

Consultations

No consultations were undertaken during July to September 2014. PBNI’s revised Disability Action Plan will be subject to public consultation Oct/Nov 2014.

Documents will be made available in alternative formats, for example Braille, audio CD etc. If you have any requests for alternative formats, or if you wish to make any comment about PBNI’s equality work you can contact me via any of the methods describes below:-

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Where to find Equality Information on PBNI’s Website

You can visit the Probation Board website at www.pbni.org.uk to access equality information and review current and previous Section 75 reports/policy screening forms. Consultations undertaken by the PBNI are posted on the website within the ‘Consultation’ area which is also accessible from PBNI’s home page.

