

Appendix A

Responses to Consultation Paper on Screening

Q1. Do you think we have missed any general policies which have an impact on your group?		
<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Comment</i>	<i>safefood's Response</i>
North & West Belfast HSS Trust	Not at this point	Comments noted
Directorate of Public Health, Southern Health and Social Services Board	No, generally agree with assessment	
Boys Brigade NI	No	
Q2. Do you think safefood's employment, IT and procurement policies should be subject to a full EQIA? Yes/No. If YES, please indicate how you feel that it is likely to have a significant impact on equality of opportunity.		
North & West Belfast HSS Trust	Yes, at least it will ensure that equality of opportunity across all 9 categories is assessed formally. Whilst there are no staff in NI, there may be a situation where there may be or again where a NI person will apply for a vacancy in ROI.	Comments noted.
Directorate of Public Health, Southern HSS Board	No	
Boys Brigade NI	Yes. To be as open as possible for all to see that this body is acting in a good and proper way. Accountability.	
Q3. Are there policies in your area of interest that could be carefully grouped together to make assessments more meaningful?		
North & West Belfast HSS Trust	Possibly the Nutrition and Educational Strategy may have some links that naturally blend.	Comments noted
Boys Brigade NI	No	

<p>Q4. Do you agree with the proposed timetable for impact assessments? Yes/No. If No, please indicate why you feel a different priority is justified.</p>		
North & West Belfast HSS Trust	Yes	Comments noted
Directorate of Public Health, Southern Health and Social Services Board	Yes	
Boys Brigade NI	Yes	
<p>Q5. Our initial screening has suggested that the following equality groups might be affected by some our policies – disability, gender, race, age and religious belief. Do you wish to make any other comments in relation to our policies which would help us to focus on those aspects of their impact which most affect equality of opportunity for the groups you represent?</p>		
North & West Belfast HSS Trust	Think is important that all steps are taken to ensure where a negative impact is highlighted that it is reversed to a positive impact.	Comments noted.
Directorate of Public Health, Southern Health and Social Services Board	Mode of communication with various ethnic groups where English is not their first language or unable to understand English. Also need for some special sub group such as travelling community.	
Boys Brigade NI	No.	

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Revised Screening and EQIA Timetable

Policy Area	Screening Completed	Decision	Year
HR	Ongoing process	At present unlikely EQIA required	Ongoing
IT	No	Unlikely to require EQIA	2007
Finance	No	Unlikely to require EQIA	2007
Corporate Strategy	No	Likely to require EQIA	2008
Communication	No	EQIA required	2006
Specialised Laboratory Services	No	Unlikely to require EQIA	2007
Education Strategy	Screened	Require EQIA	2006/7
Nutrition Strategy	No	Likely to require EQIA	2006/7