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**Public Consultation on the Report:**

**Section 75 - Acting on the evidence of public authority practices**

**Closing date for responses: Wednesday 31 January 2018**

**Published: November 2017**

**Background**

It is almost 20 years since the Good Friday/Belfast Agreement and the Northern Ireland Act 1998. Much in the landscape has changed in the intervening period.  But what has remained constant, recognising some progress, is the need to continue to address inequalities in NI.  Some of these are enduring inequalities and some are more recently emerging – it is imperative that public authorities effectively mainstream equality and good relations considerations in the planning and delivery of public policy and the public services for which they are responsible.

**Report for Consultation**

The Equality Commission has been considering evidence of public authorities' practices in implementing their Section 75 duties. We now present the evidence gathered with a focus on the issues, recommendations and proposed actions identified for public authorities to address as a matter of priority, and on the delivery of our statutory remit relating to the S75 duties

The report and other related materials can be found on the Commission’s website:

<http://www.equalityni.org/Employers-Service-Providers/Public-Authorities/Section75/Section-75-consultation>

**Seeking your views**

The Commission would welcome comments, particularly on the **issues**

**identified, recommendations and proposed actions associated to them**.

We are consulting until **Wednesday 31 January 2018** and would welcome your response by this date.

This document provides a number of questions and the opportunity to comment on the issues, recommendations and actions contained in the report.

You can submit written comments on this form as a Word document, or online by completing the questions in our survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/section75consultation>

**To submit your response, or for further information**

If you would like any further information, information in an alternative format, or to submit your response, please contact us, as follows:

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**Consultation questions**

Question 1: Does the evidence presented in chapters 2-7, in your view, support the issues identified?

**Yes 🞎 No 🞎 Don’t know 🞎**

Question 1a: Please provide any further comments –

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Question 2: Are there other issues in public authority practices you would like to highlight?

**Yes 🞎 No 🞎 Don’t know 🞎**

Question 2a: Please provide details, and the evidence base, from which you have drawn the issues –

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Question 3: Do you agree with the recommendations to public authorities?

**Yes 🞎 No 🞎 Don’t know 🞎**

Question 3a: Please provide any further comments –

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Question 4: Do you have any other suggested recommendations that are supported by the evidence presented?

**Yes 🞎 No 🞎 Don’t know 🞎**

Question 4a: Please provide any further comments –

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Question 5: Do you have any other recommendations supported by additional evidence referred to in this response?

**Yes 🞎 No 🞎 Don’t know 🞎**

Question 5a: Please provide any further comments –

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Question 6: The Commission is interested to receive any commented on its proposed actions as set out in paragraph 9.8 –

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**Individual 🞎 Organisation 🞎**

Please name the organisation if you are completing this survey on their behalf:

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**Thank you for your consideration and response.**



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