

ANTI POVERTY STRATEGY CONSULTATION

BREAKDOWN OF MAIN POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE RESPONSES TO EQUALITY QUESTIONS

POSITIVE

Summary of main emerging views received on:
EQUALITY QUESTIONS:

- Is there any other any other data/info that should be taken into account concerning s75 (1) equality issues in relation to this strategy?
- Could the proposals impact on any of the groups within s75 of the NI Act in a way not identified. If so, how?
- Taking account of existing legislation, are there any alternative approaches to tackling poverty and social exclusion in a more quality-friendly way? If so, what are they?
- Any other comments on equality issues raised in that Chapter?

Summary of comments

Approximate Level of Support:

Strategy should make a clear cross-reference between s75 duty, New TSN and inequalities.

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NEGATIVE

Summary of main emerging views received on:
EQUALITY QUESTIONS:

- Is there any other any other data/info that should be taken into account concerning s75 (1) equality issues in relation to this strategy?
- Could the proposals impact on any of the groups within s75 of the NI Act in a way not identified. If so, how?
- Taking account of existing legislation, are there any alternative approaches to tackling poverty and social exclusion in a more quality-friendly way? If so, what are they?
- Any other comments on equality issues raised in that Chapter?

Summary of comments.	Approximate Level of Support:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • s75 of NI Act should be amended to incorporate those on low income / poverty and social exclusion. • TSN should be a statutory duty; and there should be improved links between s75 and EQIAs incorporated into legislation. 	18
<p>Some existing legislation highlighted to be deemed to run counter to tackling social exclusion and a barrier to employment, eg:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing (NI) Order 2003: those deemed guilty of anti social behaviour excluded from social rented housing; • Anti Social Behaviour Orders: • Rehabilitation of Offenders Order and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Exceptions) Order 1979 - barrier to employment to significant proportion of population. <p>Also, suggested that an emphasis on paid work could be seen as indirect discrimination.</p>	2