

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL CARE AND JUSTICE CAMPUS**

**CONSULTATION RESPONSE QUESTIONNAIRE**

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## **Responding to the consultation**

Questions are posed at various sections of the consultation document.    
You are asked to respond using this questionnaire.  Please note that you are not required to answer every question, and can choose to respond only to those questions which you think are most relevant to you.

You may share your views on the proposals for a Regional Care and Justice Campus in a number of other ways.

Through the NI Direct Consultation Hub <https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/doh-social-services-policy-group/establishment-of-a-regional-care-and-justice-campu/>

The questionnaire can be downloaded from the Department of Health and Department of Justice websites at the following links - <https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/regional-care-justice-campus> and <https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-establishment-regional-care-and-justice-campus>

You can also respond by post or email to:

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**Alternative Formats**                                        The consultation document is also available in alternative formats on request.

If you wish to request the document in an alternative format or if you have any queries about the consultation please contact us using the details above.

**Privacy, Confidentiality and Access to Consultation Responses**

For this consultation, we may publish all responses except for those where the respondent indicates that they are an individual acting in a private capacity (e.g. a member of the public). All responses from organisations and individuals responding in a professional capacity will be published. We will remove email addresses and telephone numbers from these responses; but apart from this, we will publish them in full.  For more information about what we do with personal data please see our [consultation privacy notice](https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/privacy-notice-establishment-regional-care-and-justice-campus-consultation)

Your response, and all other responses to this consultation, may also be disclosed on request in accordance with the  [Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/contents)  and the [Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2004/3391/contents/made); however all disclosures will be in line with the requirements of the [Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2018/12/contents/enacted) and the   [General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2016/679/contents) .

If you want the information that you provide to be treated as confidential it would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential, so that this may be considered if the Department should receive a request for the information under the FOIA or EIR.

**The closing date for responses is 15 January 2021**

## **Personal details**

**I am responding as: An individual / member of the public**

**An individual / Health and Social Care professional**

**On behalf of an organisation**

**A child / young person**

**A parent / carer (of a child/young person)**

**other (please specify**)

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**Do you wish the information you provide in response to this consultation to be kept confidential.**

**Yes No**

**If “Yes” please explain your reasons below**

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**Would you like to be kept informed on the progress of this work?**

**Yes No**

## **THE Secure Care Centre**

**Please refer to Section 4 of the Consultation Document**

***Question 1***

***Do you have any comments on the proposal that the Secure Care Centre will comprise the existing Lakewood and Woodlands sites?***

**If ‘yes’ please comment below**.

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***Question 2***

***Do you have any comments on the proposed capacity of the Secure Care Centre?***

**If ‘yes’ please comment below**.

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***Questions 3***

***What are your views on the longer-term aim of reducing the overall capacity within the Secure Care Centre, so that no child will be placed in a house with any more than three other children?***

**Please comment below**.

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***Question 4***

***Do you agree that the admissions criteria for the Secure Care Centre should be based on existing criteria, clarifying that children will be admitted to the Campus in one of two ways:***

* ***where the criteria set out in Article 44 of the Children Order are satisfied; or***
* ***where the child is remanded or sentenced by the authority of a court.***

**Yes No**

**Please comment below**.

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***Question 5***

***Do you agree that the Secure Care Centre should continue to be used as a place of safety for children following their arrest, if this is required?***

**Yes No**

**Please comment below**.

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***Question 6***

***Do you agree that the use of the Secure Care Centre as a place of safety should be kept to a minimum, and that alternative accommodation options should be developed?***

**Yes No**

**Please comment below**.

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***Question 7***

***Do you think any changes are required to the existing criteria for admissions to secure accommodation under Article 44 of the Children Order?***

**Yes No**

**Please comment below**.

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***Question 8***

***Are there any other comments you wish to make about the routes of admission to the Secure Care Centre?***

**If ‘yes’ please comment below**.

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## **Multi-Agency Panel**

**Please refer to section 5 of the Consultation Document**

***Question 9***

* ***Do you agree with the proposal to establish a regional, independently-chaired multi-agency Panel with the roles and responsibilities as described?***

**Yes No**

**Please comment below**.

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***Question 10***

***Do you agree with the membership proposed?***

**Yes No**

**Please comment below**.

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***Question 11***

***Do you think, in some cases, there may be scope for the courts to make reference to the Panel in determining the most appropriate disposal for a child who has been involved in offending behaviour?***

**Yes No**

**Please comment below**.

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***Question 12***

***Thinking about the roles, responsibilities and make-up of the Panel as described, do you have any views on whether the Panel and its functions should be established in legislation?***

**If ‘yes’ please comment below**.

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***Question 13***

***Do you think the Panel should have any other roles and responsibilities within the Campus, other than what is described here?***

**Yes No**

**Please comment below**.

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***Question 14***

***Do you have any other comments on the proposal to establish a regional, independently-chaired multi-agency Panel as described?***

**If ‘yes’ please comment below**.

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## **Services in the Campus**

**Please refer to Section 6 of the Consultation Document**

***Question 15***

***What are your views on the proposal to implement a new Framework for Integrated Therapeutic Care, to be applied across all looked after children settings, including within the regional Care and Justice Campus?***

**Please comment below**.

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***Question 16***

***What are your views on the multi-disciplinary team in the Secure Care Centre – how should it be made up?***

**Please comment below**.

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***Question 17***

***Have you any other comments or views on the range of services that should be provided in the secure care centre?***

**If ‘yes’ please comment below**.

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## **A Needs-Based Approach**

**Please refer to section 7 of the Consultation Document**

***Question 18***

***What are your views on the proposal that children within the Secure Care Centre will not be separated on the basis of their route of admission?***

**Please comment below**.

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***Question 19***

***Do you agree that decisions about where a child will be placed within the Secure Care Centre should be based on an assessment of their individual needs, taking into account the factors described?***

**Yes No**

**Please comment below**.

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***Question 20***

***Do you have any other suggestions for how children should be managed within the Secure Care Centre?***

**If ‘yes’ please comment below**.

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## **Leaving the Secure Care Centre – Discharge/Exit Planning**

**Please refer to section 8 of the Consultation Document**

***Question 21***

***Do you agree that an exit plan, as part of the overall care planning process, should be developed for each child and young person on admission to the Secure Care Centre and will be subject to regular review?***

**Yes No**

**Please comment below**.

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***Question 22***

***Do you have any views or comments to share on the proposed care planning, discharge and exit planning process described in this section?***

**If ‘yes’ please comment below**.

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## **Satellite Provision**

**Please refer to section 9 of the Consultation Document**

***Question 23***

***Do you agree that a step-down facility should be located within the Campus, on the same site as—but separate from—the Secure Care Centre?***

**Yes No**

**Please comment below**

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***Question 24***

***Given the stated purpose and function of the step-down unit, do you have any views on how it should operate in practice? For example, do you think it should be an open setting (ie. not a locked facility)?***

**If ‘yes’ please comment below**.

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***Question 25***

***Do you have any comments on the function and role of the step-down unit, over and above what is described here?***

**If ‘yes’ please comment below**

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***Question 26***

***Do you agree that the Secure Care Centre should be supported by a network of locally-based connected satellite services across each of the five HSC Trust areas?***

**Yes No**

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***Question 27***

***Do you agree that the purpose and focus of this satellite provision should be twofold:***

* 1. ***To prevent children and young people from entering the Secure Care Centre, and***
  2. ***To provide support to facilitate the transition of these children and young people back into the community.***

**Yes No**

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***Question 28***

***Do you agree that a multi-agency approach to this satellite provision should be adopted?***

**Yes No**

**Please comment below**

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***Question 29***

***Do you have any views on the use of alternatives to the Secure Care Centre for children who have been arrested and require a place of safety while awaiting a court appearance? Do you think that suitably resourced children’s homes may be a suitable place of safety for some of these children, subject to an assessment of risk?***

**Please comment below**

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***Question 30***

***Do you have any views on the use of alternatives to the Secure Care Centre for children being considered for bail, and the use of wrap-around services as part of a bail package?***

**If ‘yes’ please comment below**

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***Question 31***

***Do you agree that designated supported housing for 16 and 17 years olds should form part of the community-based satellite provision?***

**Yes No**

**Please comment below**

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***Question 32***

***Do you think that that there are alternative options for the design and functionality of satellite provision? If so, please outline.***

**Yes No**

**Please comment below**

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## **Governance and Accountability Arrangements for A Regional care and Justice Campus**

**Please refer to section 10 of the Consultation Document**

***Question 33***

***Do you agree with the proposal to appoint a Head of Operations responsible for the operation of the Regional Facilities (Secure Care Centre and on-site Step Down Unit? If yes, do you agree that the appointment should be required in law and that the role and responsibilities should also be specified in legislation?***

**Yes No**

**Please comment below**

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***Question 34***

***In terms of the options detailed in respect of accountability arrangements for the Regional Facilities, which do you consider to be the most appropriate? Please explain the reasons for your response.***

**Option:**

**1 2 3 4 None of these**

**Please comment below**

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***Question 35***

***Do you have any alternative options for the accountability arrangements for the Regional Facilities?***

**Yes No**

**If ‘yes’ please comment below**

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## **Legislation**

**Please refer to Section 11 of the Consultation Document**

***Question 36***

***Do you have views on the classification of the Secure Care Centre?***

**If ‘yes’ please comment below**

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***Question 37***

***Do you have any views on the classification of the Campus satellite provision?***

**If ‘yes’ please comment below**

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***Question 38***

***Do you consider that legislation will be required to support and formalise multi-agency working as part of a new Care and Justice Campus, by, for example, designating specified agencies or statutory Campus partners***

**Yes No**

**Please comment below**

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***Question 39***

***Do you have any views on whether the proposed multi-agency Panel would require a statutory basis?***

**If ‘yes’ please comment below**

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## **THE LEGAL STATUS OF CHILDREN AND PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY**

**Please refer to section 12 of the Consultation Document**

***Question 40***

***Do you agree that only children who were looked after prior to admission to the Secure Care Centre should be looked after while in the Centre?***

**Yes No**

**Please comment below**

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***Question 41***

***Do you agree that the Head of Operations within the Secure Care Centre should be given parental responsibility for children who are admitted to the Secure Care Centre by way of a juvenile justice disposal?***

**Yes No**

**Please comment below**

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***Question 42***

***Do you think that parental responsibility for looked after children should:***

1. ***Lie with the placing HSC Trust only;***
2. ***Pass to the Head of Operations for the duration the child is in the Secure Care Centre; or***
3. ***Be shared between the placing HSC Trust and the Head of Operations.***

***Please indicate which option you support and why.***

**Lie with the placing HSC trust only**

**Pass to the Head of Operations for the duration the child is in the**

**Secure Care Centre**

**Be shared between the placing HSC Trust and the Head of Operations**

**Please comment below**

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***Question 43***

***Do you have any views on whether the Department of Health should make regulations to prescribe children subject to the provisions of*** [***Article 39(6) of Police and Criminal Evidence (NI) Order 1989***](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisi/1989/1341/article/39)***, so that they do not automatically become a looked after child if the duration of their stay within the Campus is longer than 24 hours?***

**If ‘yes’ please comment below**

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## **Equality and Human Rights**

Alongside this consultation on proposals for a regional Care and Justice Campus, your views are also being sought on the potential equality and human rights implications of these proposals. A draft equality, disability duties and human rights screening exercise has been completed. The draft screening document has been published alongside this consultation and is available [here](https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/regional-care-justice-campus).

In order to assist in finalising the assessment of the equality and human rights impacts of these policy proposals, your views are sought on the following four questions:

***Question 44***

***Are the proposals set out in this consultation document likely to have an adverse impact on any of the nine equality groups identified under*** [Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/47/section/75)***? If yes, please state the group or groups and provide comment on how these adverse impacts could be reduced or alleviated in the proposals***

Yes No

If ‘yes’ please indicate which group/groups you think would be impacted

**Religious belief**

**Political opinion**

**Racial group**

**Age**

**Marital status**

**Sexual orientation**

**Men and Women generally**

**Disability**

**Dependants**

If ‘Yes’ please state how these adverse impacts could be reduced or alleviated in the proposals.

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***Question 45***

***Are you aware of any indication or evidence—qualitative or quantitative—that the proposals set out in this consultation document may have an adverse impact on equality of opportunity or on good relations? If yes, please give details and comment on what you think should be added or removed to alleviate the adverse impact.***

Yes No

**If ‘yes’ please comment below**

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***Question 46***

***Is there an opportunity to better promote equality of opportunity or good relations? If yes, please give details as to how***

Yes No

**Please comment below**

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***Question 47***

***Are there any aspects of this consultation where potential human rights violations may occur?***

Yes No

**Please comment below**

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**Rural impact**

[The Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/nia/2016/19/contents) became operational on the 1 June 2017 and places a duty on public authorities, including government departments, to have due regard to rural needs when developing, adopting, implementing or revising policies, strategies and plans and when designing and delivering public services.

A draft rural needs impact assessment has been prepared against these policy proposals which has been published as part of this consultation and is available [here](https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/regional-care-justice-campus).

In order to assist in finalising these assessments, your views are sought on the following question:

***Question 48***

***Are the actions/proposals set out in this consultation document likely to have an adverse impact on rural areas?***

Yes No

If ‘Yes’ please provide your comment on how these adverse impacts could be reduced or alleviated:

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