
Public Consultation:

Supporting People Three Year Draft Strategic Plan and COVID-19 Recovery Plan 2022-2025

Monday, 31 January 2022

Dear Consultee,

Supporting People are undertaking a 12 week public consultation to seek feedback on the Supporting People Three Year Draft Strategic Plan and COVID-19 Recovery Plan 2022-2025, and we would like for you to have your say. Consultation is central to the implementation of the statutory duties of the Housing Executive under Section 75 (1) of The Northern Ireland Act 1998.

Supporting People have engaged extensively with a wide range of stakeholders throughout the development of the plan and are committed to ongoing dialogue and engagement with all stakeholders. We recognise the importance of a consultation which is meaningful, inclusive and includes a wide range of representative groups. The public consultation will be open for 12 weeks from 31st January 2022 to 25th April 2022. We welcome feedback from service users, service providers, staff members, statutory, voluntary and community agencies, other stakeholders and members of the public.

The aim of the public consultation is to ensure that the plan reflects the strategic direction of the Supporting People Programme, aiding recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, working to close the gap between need and supply, and contributing to the achievement of positive housing outcomes for all. The plan considers existing needs and emerging demands on Housing Support Services. It has been informed by and is in support of other strategies, including the Housing Executive Homelessness Strategic Plan and the wider strategies of Health and Criminal Justice, and aligned to outcomes identified in the Draft Programme for Government. It has also been informed in part by a strategic, evidence-based, assessment of need which was completed in Sept 2020.

I would encourage you to participate in the consultation through the Citizen Space online questionnaire which can be found with associated documents here - <https://www.nihe.gov.uk/Working-With-Us/Partners/Consultations>. If you wish to receive the documentation in an alternative format please Email supporting.people@nihe.gov.uk

Please be advised that the Supporting People Three Year Draft Strategic Plan and COVID-19 Recovery Plan 2022-2025 and associated consultation materials can be made available on request in alternative formats, including:

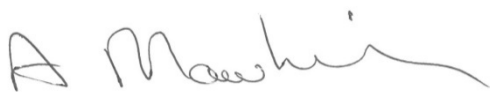
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A summary of responses will be available following completion of the consultation process in line with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Confidentiality of Consultations.

The Supporting People Three Year Strategic Plan has undergone both Rural and Equality screenings, and these can be made available upon request.

If you have queries on any aspect of the consultation please do not hesitate to contact the Supporting People team at: supporting.people@nihe.gov.uk

Yours Faithfully,

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