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Dear Consultee

### **Consultation on proposals to extend modifications to children's social care regulations**

The Department of Health is consulting on proposals to extend modifications to children's social care regulations from 8 April 2021. The principal aim of the proposals is to enable HSC Trusts to undertake a number of their statutory duties in relation to vulnerable children in different ways or within moderately adjusted timescales across a small number of areas for a limited time period of up to 7 November 2021. The modifications may be revoked earlier if evidence suggests that they should.

A copy of the consultation document and questionnaire is available at <https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/>. Respondents are encouraged to use the online survey to submit their views.

If however, you would prefer, you can download a word version of the questionnaire and submit it to [lookedafterchildren@health-ni.gov.uk](mailto:lookedafterchildren@health-ni.gov.uk)

The closing date for the consultation is 22 April 2021 and we look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely

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