



**Equality Unit** 

6 September 2021

**Dear Consultee** 

## How we propose to purchase domiciliary care provided by non-statutory providers

We have developed a consultation document that sets out some proposals for a new way of purchasing domiciliary care services from non-statutory providers. Through these proposed new arrangements, we intend to ensure that domiciliary care services are provided equitably and sustainably, so we can meet the growing needs of our population.

The consultation document can be found on the Trust's website at <a href="http://www.northerntrust.hscni.net">http://www.northerntrust.hscni.net</a>. Alternatively, if you would like us to send you a copy of the consultation document please contact the Trust's Equality Unit on 028 2766 1377 or email <a href="mailto:equality.unit@northerntrust.hscni.net">equality.unit@northerntrust.hscni.net</a>

In keeping with the commitments in our Equality Scheme we have carried out an equality screening of this proposal. We have also carried out a Rural Needs Impact Assessment. A copy of the equality screening template and Rural Needs Impact Assessment can also be found on the Trust's website.

We welcome your views on our proposal. A consultation Proforma is available on our website for you to complete, however, we welcome your comments in any format. We are consulting for 12 weeks beginning 6 September 2021. Comments should be returned to the Equality Unit by 29 November 2021.

If you have any queries about these documents, and their availability in alternative formats (including Braille, audio and minority languages) then please contact:

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We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely

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