

Dear Consultee,

Consultation on the Draft Down Policing & Community Safety Partnership Equality Scheme, Audit of Inequalities and Action Plan

In April 2010 the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland published new statutory guidance “Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998: A guide for Public Authorities” (2010). In compliance with this new guidance, public authorities are required to produce an Equality Scheme and associated Action Plan.

Down Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) was established on 1st April 2012 and have now completed a draft Audit of Inequalities based on their work and that of their predecessors, Down District Policing Partnership and the Down Community Safety Partnership.

The PCSP have also approved a draft Equality Scheme. We are now consulting on the contents of both these documents and an Action Plan. The Action Plan sets out the actions and timescales that we will work towards to implement the Section 75 statutory duties. It is a way to monitor our progress to see if we have achieved equality outcomes.

The consultation period will run from 1st December 2012 to 1st February 2013 and the PCSP will welcome the views of local groups and organisations on our draft documents.

A copy of this consultation letter and our draft Audit of Inequalities, Equality Scheme and Action Plan can be downloaded from the PCSP website by following the link below:-

<http://www.pcsp@downdc.gov.uk>

A hard copy of this document, or a copy in an alternative format can also be requested.

You can provide your comments to us:

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