

A call for information to support any need to extend the law

**OCTOBER 2022**

A CALL FOR EVIDENCE

ABUSE OF POSITION OF TRUST OFFENCES: EXTENSION OF THE LAW Response Form

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| **RESPONDING TO THE CALL FOR EVIDENCE** |

The Department of Justice (DOJ) is seeking evidence on whether the current law on abuse of position of trust should be extended beyond the new categories of sport and religion introduced as part of the Justice (Sexual Offences and Trafficking Victims) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022.

There are three questions included in the Calls for Evidence document. These will be used to inform policy and to support further changes to the scope of the abuse of position of trust legislation, where this is considered necessary.

Please use this form to provide your response, and once completed send by **email** to: [**CPB@justice-ni.gov.uk**](mailto:CPB@justice-ni.gov.uk)or by **post** to:

Abuse of Position of Trust Call for Evidence

The Department of Justice

Criminal Policy Unit

Massey House

Stormont Estate

Belfast

BT4 3SX

Additional pages may be submitted if required.

The closing date for receipt of responses is **12:00pm on 22 December 2022**

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The DoJ may publish responses to the call for evidence and a summary response report on its website.

Any contact details or information that will identify a respondent as a private individual will be removed prior to publication. All information will be handled in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Your information will not be shared outside the Department.

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• You have the right to data portability, in specific circumstances.

• You have the right to object to the processing, in specific circumstances.

• You have rights in relation to automated decision making and profiling.

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**The Information Commissioner's Office – Northern Ireland**

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Email: [ni@ico.org.uk](mailto:ni@ico.org.uk) Website: [www.ico.org.uk/](http://www.ico.org.uk/)

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| **ABOUT YOU** | |
| ***Please provide your name and details in this section.***  ***All information will be handled in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)***  I am responding as... *(Please tick one option only)*  A member of the public (please indicate if you are content for your name to be shared)  On behalf of an organisation  Other.........................................................(*Please specify*) | |
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| Job Title: (*if applicable*) |  |
| Organisation: (*if applicable*) |  |
| Address: |  |
| City/Town: |  |
| Postcode: |  |
| Email Address: |  |

**Question 1: Do you consider that there are any additional environments/ settings that should be provided for within the abuse of position of trust provision? If so, please detail what these are and why they should be included**

**Question 2: Do you know of any particular complaint made or concerns raised within these settings? Please provide detail**

**Question 3: Is there any further information that you consider relevant in support of extending the scope of the abuse of position of trust provisions through this call for evidence? Please provide detail**