**Annex B**

**RESPONSE QUESTIONNAIRE - DRAFT NORTHERN IRELAND HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND MODERN SLAVERY STRATEGY 2016/17**

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Are you content for your response to be published in full or in part? (If in part, please specify those parts that should not be published)

YES / NO / IN PART

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**Questions**

We would welcome responses to the following questions:

***Question 1***

Section 12 of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Criminal Justice and Support for Victims) Act (Northern Ireland) 2015, requires a strategy to be developed to raise awareness of human trafficking and slavery-like offences in Northern Ireland and to contribute to a reduction in the number of such offences. The strategy is required to cover:

* the arrangements for co-operation between relevant organisations;
* provision as to the training and equipment for investigators, prosecutors and those dealing with victims; and
* provisions aimed at raising awareness of the rights and entitlements of victims.

YES / NO

Please give your reasons and comments here:

**In your view, does the draft strategy meet these requirements under section 12 of the Act?**

YES / NO

Please give your reasons and comments here:

**Strategic aim**

***Question 2***

The proposed overall strategic aim of the draft strategy is: “*Equipping Northern Ireland to eradicate human trafficking and modern slavery whilst protecting and supporting victims*”.

**In your view, is this strategic aim appropriate?**

YES / NO

Please give your reasons and comments here, or suggest an alternative strategic aim:

**Strategic priorities**

***Question 3***

Four strategic priorities have been proposed which underpin the strategic aim. These are:

* Pursue (effective detection, disruption, investigation and prosecution of offenders);
* Protect and support (improved identification of victims and the provision of effective protection and support);
* Prevent (prevent and reduce risk of human trafficking and modern slavery offences in Northern Ireland); and
* Partnership (effective, collaborative and joined-up partnership response).

**In your view are these the right strategic priorities? What, if any, alternatives would you propose?**

YES / NO

Please give your reasons and comments here, along with any proposed alternatives to the proposed strategic priorities:

**SP1: Pursue - *effective detection, disruption, investigation and prosecution of offenders***

***Question 4(a)*** *-* ***objectives***

The draft strategy has identified the following objectives in support of the “Pursue” priority:

* Effective investigations and prosecutions;
* Improved understanding of human trafficking and exploitation; and
* Effective training for law enforcement and prosecutors.

**In your opinion are these proposed objectives appropriate? Are there any additional objectives that in your opinion should also be included?**

YES / NO

Please give your reasons and comments here, as well as any additional objectives that you believe should be included:

***Question 4(b)******- actions***

The proposed actions associated with this strategic priority are set out at pages 20-22 of the consultation document.

**In your opinion are these proposed actions appropriate? Are there any additional actions that in your opinion should also be included?**

YES / NO

Please give your reasons and comments here, as well as any additional actions that you believe should be included:

**SP2: Protect and Support – *improved identification of victims and the provision of effective protection and support***

***Question 5(a)***

The draft strategy has identified the following objectives in support of the “Protect and Support” priority:

* Improved victim identification;
* Protection and support services for victims and potential victims; and
* Champion the rights and entitlements of victims and potential victims.

**In your opinion are these proposed objectives appropriate? Are there any additional objectives that in your opinion should also be included?**

YES / NO

Please give your reasons and comments here, as well as any additional objectives that you believe should be included:

***Question 5(b)***

The proposed actions associated with this strategic priority are set out at pages 23-26 of the consultation document.

**In your opinion are these proposed actions appropriate? Are there any additional actions that in your opinion should also be included?**

YES / NO

Please give your reasons and comments here, as well as any additional actions that you believe should be included:

**SP3: Prevent – *Prevent and reduce the risk of human trafficking and modern slavery offences in Northern Ireland***

***Question 6(a)***

The draft strategy has identified the following objectives in support of the “Prevent” priority:

* Engagement with perceived ‘at-risk’ groups to reduce risk;
* Raise awareness, to increase reporting and reduce demand;
* Evaluate effectiveness and capture best practice

**In your opinion are these proposed objectives appropriate? Are there any additional objectives that in your opinion should also be included?**

YES / NO

Please give your reasons and comments here, as well as any additional objectives that you believe should be included:

***Question 6(b)***

The proposed actions associated with this strategic priority are set out at pages 27-28 of the consultation document.

**In your opinion are these proposed actions appropriate? Are there any additional actions that in your opinion should also be included?**

YES / NO

Please give your reasons and comments here, as well as any additional actions that you believe should be included:

**SP4: Partnership – *Effective, collaborative and joined-up partnership response***

***Question 7(a)***

The draft strategy has identified the following objectives in support of the “Partnership” priority:

* Co-operation across Government and statutory agencies;
* Co-operation between Government and civil society;
* Effective cross-border co-operation; and
* Engagement with the Anti-Slavery Commissioner

**In your opinion are these proposed objectives appropriate? Are there any additional objectives that in your opinion should also be included?**

YES / NO

Please give your reasons and comments here, as well as any additional objectives that you believe should be included:

***Question 7(b)***

The proposed actions associated with this strategic priority are set out at pages 29-30 of the consultation document.

**In your opinion are these proposed actions appropriate? Are there any additional actions that in your opinion should also be included?**

YES / NO

Please give your reasons and comments here, as well as any additional actions that you believe should be included:

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