

DOMESTIC HOMICIDE REVIEW CONSULTATION

Thank you for your invitation to respond to the Domestic Homicide Review Consultation.

Victim Support NI's Chief Executive, Geraldine Hanna, is a member of the Task & Finish Group which has helped design the consultation and will consider responses. Victim Support NI does, therefore, already have significant input into the process. As this is the case we will not respond directly to the Consultation but continue our engagement through the Task & Finish Group.

Victim Support NI greatly appreciates the opportunity to be part of this ongoing process. The organisation has significant experience of supporting victims' of crime generally and of domestic violence in particular over many years. We value the opportunity to share our learning and assist the process of keeping victims central to the criminal justice process.

Given that Victim Support NI deal with victims of domestic homicide and understand the challenges we are pleased to see movement in this area. The review is an opportunity for all agencies to learn from one another and improve the experience of the criminal justice system for those dealing with domestic abuse. We welcome every opportunity to reflect and respond effectively for improvement look forward to the outcome of this consultation.

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