

Background

This questionnaire aims to provide you with an opportunity to comment on the development and potential content of a set of indicators to monitor progress under '[A Strategy to improve the lives of people with disabilities 2012-2015.](#)' It should take around twenty minutes to complete.

A [baseline report](#) was published in February 2013 which presented data from the NI Survey of Activity Limitation and Disability (NISALD) conducted in 2006. However, there is also a need to monitor the Strategy on an annual basis and a draft set of annual indicators have been developed for this purpose. This questionnaire provides you with an opportunity to comment on the proposed annual indicator set and where relevant, make suggestions for potential additional annual indicators for inclusion. The indicators presented have, where possible, replicated the indicators used by the Office for Disability Issues.

Suitable indicators must be:

Outcome focused rather than process focused. In other words the indicator will give an indication that the outcome is being achieved;

Relevant, that is relevant to one or more of the strategic priorities outlined in the Strategy;

Available, that is published annually; and,

Robust, that is representative of the relevant population and collected using a sound methodology

Additional copies and/or alternative formats of this questionnaire and consultation document can be made available on request from the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister by: Email:research@ofmdfmi.gov.uk

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Responses should be received no later than **27 February 2014**

Please note that all responses will be treated as public, and may be published on the OFMDFM website. If you do not want your response to be used in this way, or if you would prefer for it to be used anonymously, please indicate this when responding (see Statement of Confidentiality and Access to Information at the end of this questionnaire). There is no obligation, however, to provide your name and other contact details should you not wish to provide them.

Following consideration of all responses, a full analysis report will be published on the [OFMDFM website](#) .

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire and for giving us your views.

Your Details

1. Name:

2. Preferred contact address:

3. Preferred contact telephone number:

4. Preferred Email address:

***5. Are you responding as an individual or does this response represent the views of an organisation?**

- Individual
- Organisation

Organisational Responses

***6. If responding on behalf of an organisation, please tell us your organisation's name:**

7. What is your role in this organisation?

***8. Do you want your organisation's name to be included in the response to the consultation?**

Yes

No

About You

To help us ensure that we are covering all facets of the community in Northern Ireland, please provide us with some information on your background.

9. Are you

- Male
- Female

10. What was your age at your last birthday?

- 0-15
- 16-19
- 20-24
- 25-34
- 35-49
- 50-64
- 65+

11. Are you...?

- Single, that is never married and never registered a same-sex civil partnership
- Married and living with husband/wife
- Living as married with a partner (Cohabiting)
- Married and separated from husband/wife
- Divorced
- Widowed
- In a legally registered same-sex civil partnership
- Separated, but still legally in a same-sex civil partnership
- Formerly in a same-sex civil partnership which is now legally dissolved
- Surviving partner from a same-sex civil partnership

12. Are you....?

- Bisexual
- Gay or Lesbian
- Heterosexual
- Other

13. Do you have any dependants in your care?

- Yes
- No

14. The Equality Act (2010) defines disability as a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' (more than 12 months) negative effect on your ability to do normal daily activities. Under this definition, do you consider yourself to have a disability?

Yes

No

15. What is your ethnicity? (Please select all that apply.)

White

Chinese

Irish Traveller

Indian

Pakistani

Bangladeshi

Black Caribbean

Black African

Black Other

Other (please specify)

The Disability Strategy's Themes and Strategic Priorities

The Disability Strategy contains 12 cross-cutting themes:

1. Participation and Active Citizenship
2. Awareness-Raising
3. Accessibility - Physical Environment, Goods and Services
4. Accessibility - Transport, Personal Mobility
5. Independent Living / Choice and Control
6. Children, Young People and Family
7. Transition from Childhood to Adulthood
8. Transition from Adulthood to Later Life
9. Standard of Living
10. Employment and Employability
11. Justice and Community Safety
12. Being Part of the Community

There are 18 strategic priorities associated with each of the above 12 themes. The proposed indicators will measure progress under these 18 strategic priorities.

Theme: Participation and Active Citizenship

There are two strategic priorities under the theme of Participation and Active Citizenship.

Strategic Priority 1: Increase people with disabilities' opportunity to influence policies and programmes in Government including the delivery of this Strategy and the subsequent Action Plan.

Two indicators have been identified to measure progress against Strategic Priority 1. Please provide us with feedback on the suitability of each indicator below.

Indicators under Strategic Priority 1

Percentage of NI public appointments held by people with disabilities

Percentage of applications for NI public appointments made by people with disabilities

Source: OFMDFM, The Public Appointments Annual Report

16. Do you think that these indicators are suitable measures for Strategic Priority 1?

	Yes	No
Percentage of NI public appointments held by people with disabilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Percentage of applications for NI public appointments made by people with disabilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Strategic Priority 2: Improve interaction between all sectors to achieve the social inclusion of people with disabilities.

An appropriate measure for Strategic Priority 2 has not yet been identified. If you have any suggestions for an indicator for this priority, please provide them below.

17. Do you have any suggestions for an indicator to measure Strategic Priority 2?

18. Please use the box below for any comments you have on the indicators under the theme of Participation and Active Citizenship, including any suggestions for additional indicators:

Theme: Awareness-Raising

There are two strategic priorities under the theme of Awareness-Raising.

Strategic Priority 3: Increase awareness among people with disabilities of their rights and opportunities through a range of communication activities.

Two indicators have been identified to measure progress against Strategic Priority 3. Please provide us with feedback on the suitability of each indicator below.

Indicators under Strategic Priority 3

Percentage of people with disabilities reporting awareness of the Disability Discrimination Act

Percentage of people with disabilities reporting awareness of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Source: OFMDFM, Questions placed on the NI Omnibus Survey

19. Do you think that these indicators are suitable measures for Strategic Priority 3?

	Yes	No
Percentage of people with disabilities reporting awareness of the Disability Discrimination Act	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Percentage of people with disabilities reporting awareness of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Strategic Priority 4: To develop, in partnership with people with disabilities, a range of awareness raising activities, including those aimed at the general public, to challenge the negative perceptions surrounding disability and to gain a better understanding of the range of diversity of disabilities particularly mental health.

Three indicators have been identified to measure progress against Strategic Priority 4. Please provide us with feedback on the suitability of each indicator below.

Indicators under Strategic Priority 4

Percentage of the general population reporting awareness of the Disability Discrimination Act

Percentage of the general population reporting awareness of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Percentage of individuals correctly estimating the prevalence of disability among the general population

Source: OFMDFM, Questions placed on the NI Omnibus Survey

20. Do you think that these indicators are suitable measures for Strategic Priority 4?

	Yes	No
Percentage of the general population reporting awareness of the Disability Discrimination Act	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Percentage of the general population reporting awareness of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Percentage of individuals correctly estimating the prevalence of disability among the general population	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

21. Please use the box below for any comments you have on the indicators under the theme of Awareness-Raising, including any suggestions for additional indicators:



Theme: Accessibility-Physical Environment, Goods and Services

There is one strategic priority under the theme of Accessibility-Physical Environment, Goods and Services.

Strategic Priority 5: Eliminate the barriers people with disabilities face in accessing the physical environment, goods and services so that disabled people can participate fully in all areas of life.

Four indicators have been identified to measure progress against Strategic Priority 5. Please provide us with feedback on the suitability of each indicator below.

Indicators under Strategic Priority 5

Percentage of Ulsterbus/Metro fleet that is accessible

Source: Translink, Ulsterbus/Metro Fleet Age Profile

Percentage of individuals who had used the internet in the last three months by disability status

Source: NI Labour Force Survey

Percentage of households with bank accounts by disability status

Source: NI Family Resources Survey

Percentage participating in cultural, leisure and sporting activities in the last 12 months by disability status

Source: NI Continuous Household Survey, DCAL Output

22. Do you think that these indicators are suitable measures for Strategic Priority 5?

	Yes	No
Percentage of Ulsterbus/Metro fleet that is accessible	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Percentage of individuals who had used the internet in the last three months by disability status	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Percentage of households with bank accounts by disability status	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Percentage participating in cultural, leisure and sporting activities in the last 12 months by disability status	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

23. Please use the box below for any comments you have on the indicators under the theme of Accessibility-Physical Environment, Goods and Services, including any suggestions for additional indicators:

Theme: Accessibility-Transport, Personal Mobility

There are two strategic priorities under the theme of Accessibility-Transport, Personal Mobility.

Strategic Priority 6: Eliminate the barriers people with disabilities face in accessing transport ensuring necessary measures are in place to allow personal mobility for people with disabilities.

Three indicators have been identified to measure progress against Strategic Priority 6. Please provide us with feedback on the suitability of each indicator below.

Indicators under Strategic Priority 6

Percentage of Ulsterbus/Metro fleet that is accessible

Source: Translink, Ulsterbus/Metro Fleet Age Profile

Percentage of individuals who had used the internet in the last three months by disability status

Source: NI Labour Force Survey

Percentage of households with bank accounts by disability status

Source: NI Family Resources Survey

24. Do you think that these indicators are suitable measures for Strategic Priority 6?

	Yes	No
Percentage of Ulsterbus/Metro fleet that is accessible	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Percentage of individuals who had used the internet in the last three months by disability status	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Percentage of households with bank accounts by disability status	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Strategic Priority 7: Increase the level of accessible / inclusive communications so that people with disabilities can access information as independently as possible and make informed choices.

Two indicators have been identified to measure progress against Strategic Priority 7. Please provide us with feedback on the suitability of each indicator below.

Indicators under Strategic Priority 7

Percentage of individuals who own a mobile phone by disability status

Percentage of individuals with internet access by disability status

Source: NI Continuous Household Survey

25. Do you think that these indicators are suitable measures for Strategic Priority 7?

	Yes	No
Percentage of individuals who own a mobile phone by disability status	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Percentage of individuals with internet access by disability status	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

26. Please use the box below for any comments you have on the indicators under the theme of Accessibility-Transport, Personal Mobility; including any suggestions for additional indicators:

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Theme: Independent Living / Choice and Control

There is one strategic priority under the theme of Independent Living / Choice and Control.

Strategic Priority 8: Increase the level of choice, control and freedom that people with disabilities have in their daily lives.

Three indicators have been identified to measure progress against Strategic Priority 8. Please provide us with feedback on the suitability of each indicator below.

Indicators under Strategic Priority 8

Percentage of Ulsterbus/Metro fleet that is accessible

Source: Translink, Ulsterbus/Metro Fleet Age Profile

Percentage of individuals who had used the internet in the last three months by disability status

Source: NI Labour Force Survey

Percentage of households with bank accounts by disability status

Source: NI Family Resources Survey

27. Do you think that these indicators are suitable measures for Strategic Priority 8?

	Yes	No
Percentage of Ulsterbus/Metro fleet that is accessible	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Percentage of individuals who had used the internet in the last three months by disability status	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Percentage of households with bank accounts by disability status	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

28. Please use the box below for any comments you have on the indicators under the theme of Independent Living / Choice and Control; including any suggestions for additional indicators:

Theme: Children, Young People and Family

There are two strategic priorities under the theme of Children, Young People and Family.

Strategic Priority 9: Ensure that families and carers with children or a family member with a disability have access to appropriate support to enable the child or family member with a disability to fulfil their full potential and that other children within the family have the same opportunities as children in families without a child or family member with a disability. Ensure that women with disabilities are able to fully enjoy the rights and freedoms set out in UNCRPD.

Strategic Priority 10: Ensure parents and carers with a disability have access to effective and appropriate support, where required, to access their right to a family life.

Suitable indicators to measure progress against these two strategic priorities are yet to be identified. If you have any suggestions for indicators for these strategic priorities, please provide details below.

29. Do you have any suggestions for an indicator to measure Strategic Priority 9?

30. Do you have any suggestions for an indicator to measure Strategic Priority 10?

31. Please use the box below for any comments you have on indicators under the theme of Children, Young People and Family.

Theme: Transition from Childhood to Adulthood

There is one strategic priority under the theme of Transition from Childhood to Adulthood.

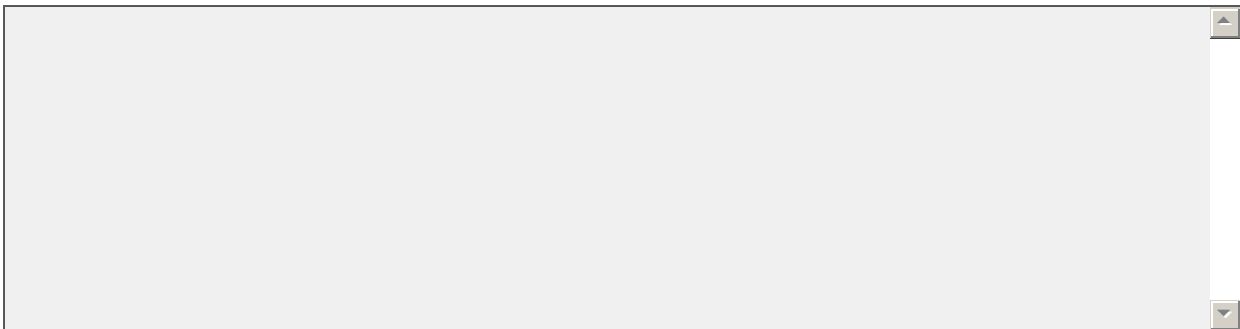
Strategic Priority 11: Transform the process of transition to adulthood for young people with disabilities.

A suitable indicator to measure progress against this strategic priority is yet to be identified. If you have any suggestions for an indicator for this strategic priority, please provide details below.

32. Do you have any suggestions for an indicator to measure Strategic Priority 11?



33. Please use the box below for any comments you have on indicators under the theme of Transition from Childhood to Adulthood.



Theme: Transition from Adulthood to Later Life

There is one strategic priority under the theme of Transition from Adulthood to Later Life.

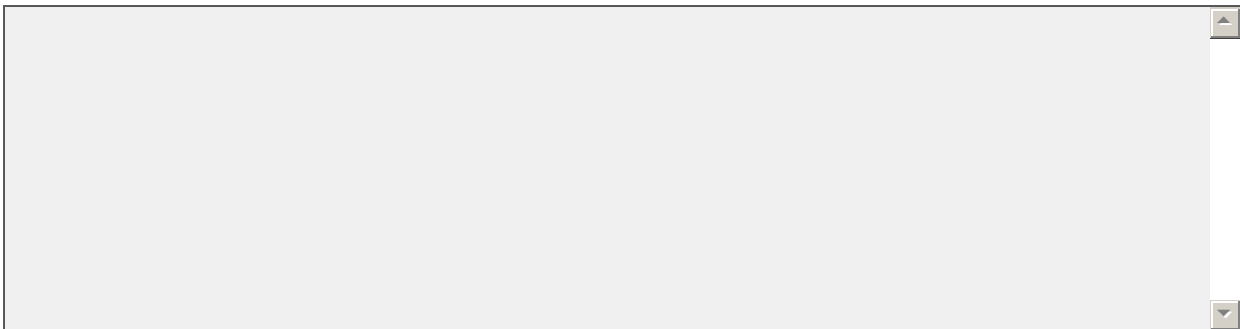
Strategic Priority 12: Transform the process of transition from adulthood to later life for people with a disability.

A suitable indicator to measure progress against this strategic priority is yet to be identified. If you have any suggestions for an indicator for this strategic priority, please provide details below.

34. Do you have any suggestions for an indicator to measure Strategic Priority 12?



35. Please use the box below for any comments you have on indicators under the theme of Transition from Adulthood to Later Life.



Theme: Standard of Living

There are two strategic priorities under the theme of Standard of Living.

Strategic Priority 13: Reduce poverty among people with disabilities and their families and protect their right to an adequate standard of living.

Three indicators have been identified to measure progress against Strategic Priority 13. Please provide us with feedback on the suitability of each indicator below.

Indicators under Strategic Priority 13

Percentage of children living in households with incomes below 60 percent of median equivalised household income (before housing costs, BHC) by disability status

Percentage of children living in households with incomes below 50 percent of median equivalised household income (BHC) by disability status

Percentage of working-age adults living in households with incomes below 60 percent of median equivalised household income (BHC) by disability status

Source: NI Households Below Average Income Report

36. Do you think that these indicators are suitable measures for Strategic Priority 13?

	Yes	No
Percentage of children living in households with incomes below 60 percent of median equivalised household income (BHC) by disability status	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Percentage of children living in households with incomes below 50 percent of median equivalised household income (BHC) by disability status	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Percentage of working-age adults living in households with incomes below 60 percent of median equivalised household income (BHC) by disability status	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Strategic Priority 14: Ensure that people with disabilities and their families have appropriate accommodation and adequate support to live independently.

One indicator has been identified to measure progress against Strategic Priority 14. Please provide us with feedback on the suitability of each indicator below.

Indicators under Strategic Priority 14

Percentage of households living in non-decent accommodation by disability status

Source: NIHE, House Condition Survey

37. Do you think that this indicator is a suitable measure for Strategic Priority 14?

	Yes	No
Percentage of households living in non-decent accommodation by disability status	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

38. Please use the box below for any comments you have on the indicators under the theme of Standard of Living, including suggestions for additional indicators:



Theme: Employment and Employability

There are two strategic priorities under the theme of Employment and Employability.

Strategic Priority 15: Work towards increasing the number of people with disabilities entering all levels of employment and safeguard the rights of those disabled people already in work.

Eight indicators have been identified to measure progress against Strategic Priority 15. Please provide us with feedback on the suitability of each indicator below.

Indicators under Strategic Priority 15

Employment rate by disability status

Employment rate by main impairment

Economic inactivity rate by disability status

Percentage of individuals in high-level employment by disability status

Percentage of individuals who have never worked by disability status

Hourly wage rate by disability status

Educational qualifications (proportion with no qualifications and proportion with degree level qualifications) by disability status

Percentage of individuals not in work who want to work by disability status

Source: NI Labour Force Survey

39. Do you think that these indicators are suitable measures for Strategic Priority 15?

	Yes	No
Employment rate by disability status	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Employment rate by main impairment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Economic activity rate by disability status	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Percentage of individuals in high-level employment by disability status	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Percentage of individuals who have never worked by disability status	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hourly wage rate by disability status	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Educational qualifications (proportion with no qualifications and proportion with degree level qualifications) by disability status	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Percentage of individuals not in work who want to work by disability status	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Strategic Priority 16: Increase the opportunities for people with disabilities to attain skills and qualifications through access to appropriate training and lifelong learning opportunities.

Six indicators have been identified to measure progress against Strategic Priority 16. Please provide us with feedback on the suitability of each indicator below.

Indicators under Strategic Priority 16

Percentage of half days missed due to unauthorised absence from school by Special Educational Needs (SEN) status

Source: Department of Education, NI

Percentage of school leavers achieving at least 5 GCSEs at grades A*-C by SEN status

Source: NI School Leavers Survey

Disability status of 16 year old post primary and special school pupils

Source: NI School Census

Percentage of full-time first degree qualifiers attaining a first or upper-second degree by disability status

Percentage of students who do not continue in Higher Education after their first year by disability status

Source: HESA

Destination of graduates 6 months after graduation by disability status

Source: HESA, Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education Survey

40. Do you think that these indicators are suitable measures for Strategic Priority 16?

	Yes	No
Percentage of half days missed due to unauthorised absence from school by Special Educational Needs (SEN) status	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Percentage of school leavers achieving at least 5 GCSEs at grades A*-C by SEN status	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Disability status of 16 year old post-primary and special school pupils	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Percentage of full-time first degree qualifiers attaining a first or upper second class degree by disability status	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Percentage of students who do not continue in Higher Education after their first year by disability status	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Destination of graduates 6 months after graduating by disability status	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

41. Please use the box below for any comments you have on the indicators under the theme of Employment and Employability, including suggestions for additional indicators:

Theme: Justice and Community Safety

There is one strategic priority under the theme of Justice and Community Safety.

Strategic Priority 17: Ensure that people with disabilities are treated equally by the law, have access to justice and can live safely in their own community.

Three indicators have been identified to measure progress against Strategic Priority 17. Please provide us with feedback on the suitability of each indicator below.

Indicators under Strategic Priority 17

Percentage of adults who were victims of violent crime

Percentage of adults who state that 'fear of crime' has a minimal effect on their quality of life

Source: NI Crime Survey

Number of hate crimes with a disability motivation

Source: PSNI Trends in Hate Motivated Incidents and Crimes Recorded by the Police in Northern Ireland, Annual Bulletin

42. Do you think that these indicators are suitable measures for Strategic Priority 17?

	Yes	No
Percentage of adults who were victims of violent crime	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Percentage of adults who state that 'fear of crime' has a minimal effect on their quality of life	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Number of hate crimes with a disability motivation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

43. Please use the box below for any comments you have on the indicators under the theme of Justice and Community Safety, including suggestions for additional indicators:

Theme: Being Part of the Community

There is one strategic priority under the theme of Being Part of the Community.

Strategic Priority 18: Improve access to sport, arts, leisure and other cultural activities so that people with a disability have equal access to community life.

One indicator has been identified to measure progress against Strategic Priority 18. Please provide us with feedback on the suitability of each indicator below.

Indicators under Strategic Priority 18

Percentage participating in cultural, leisure and sporting activities in the last 12 months by disability status

Source: NI Continuous Household Survey, DCAL Output

44. Do you think that these indicators are suitable measures for Strategic Priority 18?

	Yes	No
Percentage participating in cultural, leisure and sporting activities in the last 12 months by disability status	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

45. Please use the box below for any comments you have on the indicators under the theme of Being Part of the Community, including suggestions for additional indicators:

Further Comments

46. If you have any further comments you wish to make in response to this consultation please do so in the space below.

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Confidentiality and Access to Information Legislation

Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal information, may be published or disclosed in accordance with access to information legislation: these are chiefly the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

If you want the information that you provide to be treated as confidential, please be aware that, under the FOIA, there is a statutory Code of Practice (section 45) with which public authorities must comply and which deals, amongst other things, with obligations of confidence. In view of this, it would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential. If we receive a request for disclosure of the information, we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded as binding on the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister.

For further information about confidentiality of responses please contact the Information Commissioner's Office on 028 9026 9380 or [email ni@ico.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ni@ico.gsi.gov.uk) (or see their [website](#)).

47. Please tick the box below if you wish your response to be treated as anonymous.

I want my response to be treated as anonymous

Thank you - please click 'Done'

That completes the survey - thank you for your valuable input into this consultation. Please click the 'Done' button to submit your response.

A report detailing the responses from this consultation, and the new set of indicators will be published on the [OFMDFM website](#).