



Department of
Justice

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Department of Justice

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Dear Consultee,

ENHANCING LEGAL PROTECTIONS FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE

This letter is to advise that a document has been issued for public consultation on enhancing legal protections for victims of domestic abuse, through a proposal to establish Domestic Abuse Protection Notices and Orders, and in the longer term, providing for positive requirements that could be associated with these.

The document and response questionnaires are available at NI Direct – Citizen Space – <https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/doj-corporate-secretariat/enhancing-legal-protections> and can also be found on the Department of Justice website at www.justice-ni.gov.uk/consultations.

As far as possible **responses** should be made through the **Citizen Space Website**.

Alternatively you can

Email: vap@justice-ni.gov.uk
Write to: Community Safety Division, Room A4.03, Castle Buildings, Stormont Estate, Belfast, BT4 3SG

We are keen to hear your comments and receive information which will help us in deciding whether, and how best, to bring these measures forward. We recognise that you may require assistance in responding to the consultation and are happy to provide advice by phone or email, on request. In some instances it may be appropriate to have further discussions to clarify issues and we are happy to accommodate such requests. While we will consider all such requests we ask that you register your request no later than **18 December 2020**. Please contact me on 028 9052 0534 or at veronica.holland@justice-ni.gov.uk if you have any queries or wish to request a meeting.

Consultation responses must be received no later than **Friday 12 February 2020**. At the end of the consultation period all the responses will be collated and a summary report will be published on the Departmental website.

Yours sincerely

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