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Dear Consultee

Please see attached the Department for Work and Pensions Health and Disability Support's "**Shaping future support: the health and disability green paper**".

In this Green Paper, the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) is exploring how the benefit system can better meet the needs of disabled people and those with long term health conditions and the ways in which the welfare system can help people within these groups both now and in the future, to build a structure that enables them to live independently and move into work where possible.

The Consultation invites views in relation the following specific topics:

- 1. Providing the Right Support**
- 2. Improving Employment Support**
- 3. Improving Current services**
- 4. Re-thinking Future Assessments to Support better Outcomes**
- 5. Exploring Ways to Improve the Design of the benefit System**

Since the Social Security System here operates in a similar way to that in England, Scotland and Wales, the Department for Communities (DfC) is keen to seek the views of individuals and organisations here in relation to the questions posed within the Green Paper in order to ensure that the views of local stakeholders are considered by DWP and can help to inform any future change.

This DWP consultation is an online-based questionnaire and you can respond directly at:

www.gov.uk/government/consultations/shaping-future-support-the-health-and-disability-green-paper



If you prefer, you can send your response directly to the Department for Communities at the following address:

Social Security Policy, Legislation & Decision Making Services

Department for Communities

6th Floor Causeway Exchange

1-7 Bedford Street

Belfast BT2 7EG

or by email via the mailbox: sspld@communities-ni.gov.uk

Alternatively you can also send your response to the Department for Work and Pensions by email via the mailbox: healthanddisability.consultation@dwp.gov.uk or by post to:

Health and Disability Green Paper

Caxton House, 6-12 Tothill Street

London

SW1H 9NA

If you require an alternative version, you may request this from healthanddisability.consultation@dwp.gov.uk

This is a 12 week public consultation and the closing date for responses is 11th October 2021. DfC will be sharing the information with DWP who are leading on this work. It is important that the voice of Northern Ireland customers is heard and your contribution is appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne McCleary".

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Director of Social Security Policy, Legislation and Decision Making Services



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