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NILSC LAUNCHES CONSULTATION ON EQUALITY SCHEME AND ACTION PLAN

The Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission today published for consultation its draft Equality Scheme and Action Plan.

The Commission is committed to promoting fair and equal access to justice in Northern Ireland in its provision of publicly-funded legal services. The draft Equality Scheme sets out how the Commission will engage with organisations and individuals to ensure everyone in Northern Ireland has an opportunity to contribute to the delivery of access to justice.

The Commission is committed to promoting equality and good relations and also to ensuring that it meets its obligations under the Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act.

The consultation on the draft Equality Scheme and Action Plan will run for 12 weeks until **5pm on 30 March 2012.**

NOTES TO EDITORS

Download copies of the draft Equality Scheme for the Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission

<http://www.nilsc.org.uk/uploads/consultation/documents/Equality%20Scheme%20Consultation%20January%202012.doc>

Responses or queries on the consultation can be made in a number of ways.

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