

## Consultation Response Questionnaire on a Proposal to Remove the Ban on the sale of HIV self-testing kits to the public in Northern Ireland

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety welcomes your views on a proposed policy change to revoke the HIV Testing Kits and Services Regulations (NI) 1992, thereby removing the ban on the sale of HIV self-testing kits directly to the public in Northern Ireland.

(Please tick a box)

I am responding: on behalf of an organisation

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I do not wish information about my identity to be made public

Views are invited on the following questions by 31 December 2014:

**Q1 Should the ban on the sale of HIV self-testing kits directly to the public in Northern Ireland be removed? (Please tick a box)**

Yes

**Q2 If yes, what are the issues that need to be taken into account in legalising self-testing for HIV?**

### Comments

It is vitally important that kits can be easily accessed by everyone to ensure that people can carry out tests without any problems in accessing them.

**Q3 If no, please let us know your reasons and how they might be addressed?**

**Comments**

**Equality implications**

**Q4 Is the proposal to remove the ban on the sale of HIV self-testing kits to the public in Northern Ireland likely to have an adverse impact on any of the nine equality groups identified under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998?**

**No**

If yes, please state the group or groups and provide comment on how these adverse impacts could be reduced or alleviated in the proposal.

**Q5 Are you aware of any indication or evidence – qualitative or quantitative – that the proposal to remove the ban on the sale of HIV self-testing kits to the public in Northern Ireland may have an adverse impact on equality of opportunity or on good relations?**

**No**

If yes, please give details and comment on what you think should be added or removed to alleviate the adverse impact?

**Q6. Is there an opportunity to better promote equality of opportunity or good relations?**

**No**

If yes, please give details as to how.

**Q7. Are there any aspects of the proposal to remove the ban on the sale of HIV self-testing kits to the public in Northern Ireland where potential human rights violations may occur?**

**No**

If yes, please give details as to how.

**Further Comments**

Please use the box below to provide any further comments you would like to make in relation to the proposal to remove the ban on the sale of HIV self-testing kits directly to the public in Northern Ireland.

Thank you for your comments.

You should send your completed consultation response questionnaire to:

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Completed consultation response questionnaires must be received by the Department by 3.00pm on 31 December 2014. Responses received after this date will only be considered with prior agreement from the Department.

If you have any queries regarding the consultation please telephone 028 9052 0526 or 028 9052 0772 or send an email with your query to email: [phdadmin@dhsspsni.gov.uk](mailto:phdadmin@dhsspsni.gov.uk).