



Dear Consultee

**PROPOSALS FOR PROVISION OF IN-COURT INTERPRETATION SERVICES: CONSULTATION**

The Northern Ireland Court Service today published the above document for a 12 week period of public consultation. The document is available on the Court Service website at [www.courtsni.gov.uk](http://www.courtsni.gov.uk).

The consultation paper seeks views on proposals to introduce an interpreter's policy which will define the circumstances in which the Court Service will arrange and meet the costs of supplying interpreters for proceedings before a range of courts and tribunals in Northern Ireland. In addition the document will also provide guidance in relation to the required quality and competency of interpreters.

The full details of the policy proposals are contained in the consultation paper, which you are encouraged to read. A questionnaire is also available on the Court Service website which may assist you in compiling your response.

Copies of the consultation document are also available from the Courts Service's Communications Group at Laganside House (contact details below) and can be made available in other accessible formats or minority languages on request.

The closing date for receipt of comments is 4 May 2010.

Should a need arise to separately consult particular interest groups, such as children and young people, this will be facilitated in parallel with this consultation exercise.

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