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Submitted to Period Products (Free Provision) Bill - Call for Views
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Introduction

1 How would you like your response to be published? (Please note: this question requires a response)

I would like my response to be published

2 Are you content that any of your suggestions which have been published to the Committee or the Assembly may inspire the text of an amendment?

Yes

3 What is your name? (Please note: this question requires a response)

Name:
Danielle Roberts

4 What is your email address?

Email:
[REDACTED]

5 Please indicate if you are providing a submission:

On behalf of an organisation or business

If on behalf of an organisation or business, please state its name::
Here NI

And please tell us briefly how the organisation or business relates to the subject matter of the Bill::
Here NI is a charity that advocates for and supports lesbian and bisexual women and their families.

Clause 1: Provision of free period products: Department scheme

6 Do you agree with the proposed duty described in Clause 1?

Do you agree/disagree with proposed duty in Clause 1:
Strongly Agree

7 Do you think the duty takes account of all necessary factors e.g. dignity, accessibility, choice, differently able people, travel arrangements, consultation and advertisement of arrangements for provision of period products?

Do you agree/disagree with proposed duty in Clause 1:
Agree

8 Would you add, detract from or otherwise amend any element of Clause 1?

Yes

If yes, what amendment would you make? :

When implementing the scheme there should be a duty on the Department of Health to consult the different needs of disabled women and women from different ethnic, religious, cultural and racial backgrounds. For a variety of reasons, different women require different period products and this diversity should be reflected in any consultation done by the Department of Health.

Clause 2: Provision of free period products: public service bodies

9 Do you agree with the proposed duty described in Clause 2?

Do you agree/disagree with proposed duty in Clause 2:
Strongly Agree

10 Do you agree that the clause takes into account all necessary aspects of preparation to roll out the scheme, such as identification of relevant public service bodies; provision of free period products at each of their sites; provision only for use while on those premises; the ability for Departments to make regulations about these arrangements on a phased basis; and the ability for the Assembly to use affirmative

procedure to give a relatively high level of scrutiny to these regulations?

Do you agree/disagree that the clause takes into account all necessary aspects of preparation:

Agree

11 Would you add, detract from or otherwise amend any element of Clause 2?

Yes

If yes, what amendment would you make? :

There should be provision for products to be taken home, not only while the person is on the premises.

Clause 3: Arrangements under sections 1 and 2: particular requirements

12 Do you agree that the principles set out in clause 3 – easy access, dignity, choice and publicised arrangements - are relevant and proportionate principles to underpin the implementation of this scheme?

Do you agree/disagree that principles set out in Clause 3 are relevant and proportionate?:

Strongly Agree

13 Would you add, detract from or otherwise amend any element of Clause 3?

No

If yes, what amendment would you make? :

Clause 4: Guidance

14 Do you agree that this clause will help co-ordinate implementation between Departments and Public Service Bodies?

Do you agree/disagree this clause will help co-ordinate implementation?:

Agree

15 Would you add, detract from or otherwise amend any element of Clause 4?

Yes

If yes, what amendment would you make? :

Cross departmental working and guidance should be actively encouraged.

Clause 5: Statement on Arrangements

16 Do you agree that Clause 5 would provide transparency as to how specified public service bodies are providing period products in the best interests of appropriate product users?

Do you agree/disagree Clause 5 would provide transparency:

Agree

17 Would you add, detract from or otherwise amend any element of Clause 5?

If yes, what amendment would you make?:

There should be a duty to consult all section 75 groups to identify particular needs..

Clause 6: Duty to Publish Information

18 Do you agree that this clause will make available timely, useful, information that will benefit persons obtaining free period products?

Do you agree/disagree with proposed duty in Clause 1:

Strongly Agree

19 Would you add, detract from or otherwise amend any element of Clause 6?

No

If yes, what amendment would you make? :

Clause 7: Key Definitions

20 Do you agree with

Do you agree/disagree with proposed duty in Clause 1:
Strongly Agree

21 Do you agree that this Clause provides a comprehensive list of key definitions of terminology used throughout this Act?

Do you agree/disagree that Clause 7 provides a comprehensive list of key definitions of terminology:
Strongly Agree

22 Would you add, detract from or otherwise amend any element of Clause 7?

No

If yes, what amendment would you make? :

Clause 8: Interpretation

23 Do you agree that this clause signposts the reader to accessible and standardised explanations of the legal terms used throughout the language of this Act?

Do you agree/disagree that this clause signposts the reader to accessible and standardised explanations:
Strongly Agree

24 Would you add, detract from or otherwise amend any element of Clause 8?

No

If yes, what amendment would you make? :

Clause 9: Commencement

25 Do you agree that there should be two years to allow everyone to prepare for this new law?

Do you agree/disagree there should be two years to allow everyone to prepare:
Agree

Clause 10: Short Title

26 Do you agree that when it becomes an Act, this should be called the "Period Products (Free Provision) Act (Northern Ireland) 2021"?

Yes

If no, what amendment would you propose and why?: