

In response to the Justice Committee's call for evidence, I wish to register my support for the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Further Provisions and Support for Victims) Bill.

I commend the Bill in full, viewing every Clause as being important if we are to provide adequate protection for vulnerable people, especially women and children. This will have a significant impact for good on the lives of many.

As the main purpose of trafficking into N Ireland is for sex, I particularly welcome clause 6 which criminalises paying for sex. The Bill will ensure that N Ireland meets its international obligations as defined in the European Directive and the Council of Europe Convention.

Thank you.

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