

Response from the Northern Health and Social Care Trust to the consultation on the Adult Protection Bill, sent on behalf of Dr Petra Corr.

The Northern Trust is in agreement with the Bill as set out currently with the exception of:-

Part 2 of the Adult Protection Bill

Section 32 (1) 5

“The Board must undertake such serious case reviews as may be prescribed in such circumstances as may be prescribed.”

The Northern would request that consideration is given to changing “serious case reviews” to “learning reviews” to reflect the Open, Just and Learning Culture adopted by all Trusts. The emphasis should be on learning from incidents.

The Northern Trust has given consideration to the 5 options as set out in the Explanatory and Financial Memorandum document. The Northern Trust supports Option 5 – introduce an Adult Protection Bill inclusive of “core”, desirable and “optional” key service requirements. It is our opinion that this is the only option which will enhance the protection of adults in need of protection. Advocacy services will be a key part of delivering on Adult Protection.

The Northern Trust would note that this legislation must be fully funded.