

Dear Consultee,

**Consultation on the Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland (SBNI)
Strategic Plan 2026 - 2030**

I am pleased to be able to bring to your attention the draft SBNI Strategic Plan 2026 - 2030 consultation. This is the SBNI's fourth Strategic Plan consultation and has been informed by the views of children and young people, parents/carers and member and partner agencies. They have suggested that in order to help keep children and young people safe from risk and harm, that over the next four years we should focus on:

- Online Safety
- Domestic Violence and Abuse; and
- Child Exploitation (including sexual, criminal and radicalisation)

Now, we are keen to hear your views and I hope you will share these with us.

There are three papers which have been included as part of this process for your consideration:

1. The SBNI Strategic Plan 2026-2030
2. The SBNI Strategic Plan 2026-2030 Child-Friendly Version
3. The SBNI Strategic Plan 2026-2030 Easy Read Version

Additionally, there are two other associated papers included:

1. The Equality and Human Rights Screening
2. The Regulatory Impact Assessment Screening and the Rural Proofing Statement.

There are two questionnaires which I would request you to complete:

1. Questionnaire Response to the SBNI Strategic Plan 2026 – 2030
 - a. There are two options to choose from depending on which strategic plan version you read
2. Response to Equality and Human Rights Screening.

The questionnaires can be found here:

[The SBNI Strategic Plan 2026-2030 - Consultation Questionnaire – Fill in form](#)

[The SBNI Strategic Plan 2026-2030 - Easy Read Consultation Questionnaire – Fill in form](#)

I am hoping you will give your opinions and views on what we are proposing.


If you prefer to respond on the word version please send your completed questionnaire/s to alex.mccoy@hscni.net

Any request for these documents in another format or language will be considered, please contact alex.mccoy@hscni.net

I would be grateful for any comments to be returned no later than:

Midnight on 23 February 2026

Yours sincerely



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SBNI Independent Chair