



Commissioner for Older People
for Northern Ireland

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Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety
Integrated Projects Unit
Room D2.17
Castle Buildings
Stormont Estate
Belfast
BT4 3SQ

Dear DR Briscoe and Mr Armour

RE: Public consultation on the strategy 'Stopping domestic and sexual violence and abuse, Northern Ireland 2013-2020'.

The office for the Commissioner for Older People in Northern Ireland welcomes the opportunity to respond to the proposals for the strategy aiming to create a zero tolerance attitude to domestic and sexual violence and abuse in our society.

Your efforts to address domestic and sexual violence and abuse are to be commended. It is recognised that the strategy includes older people as possible victims of domestic and sexual violence and abuse.

It is necessary that this strategy considers any specific needs arising for older people and that the strategy assures the needs of older people are met.

If you would like to discuss any of these points in further detail, please do not hesitate to contact the Commissioner's policy team, Emer Boyle on 028 90 890 894 or email emer.boyle@copni.org.

Yours Sincerely,

Evelyn Hoy

Chief Executive

Office of the Commissioner for Older People in Northern Ireland

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