

ANNEX D: SCREENING FOR EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

THE PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2009

NORTHERN IRELAND ACT 1998 (SECTION 75) STATUTORY EQUALITY OBLIGATIONS

1. GENERAL DETAILS

1.1 Title of Proposed Regulations

The Private Water Supplies Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009

1.2 Brief summary of the scope and aims of the proposed Regulations

European Directive 1998/83/EC on the quality of water intended for human consumption is commonly known as the Drinking Water Directive. It covers all drinking water supplies whether public or private. The draft Private Water Supplies Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 propose to transpose the requirements of the Drinking Water Directive in respect of private supplies used by commercial organisations or private individuals.

The Directive was made following a review of the previous Drinking Water Directive (80/778/EEC). It sets new or revised standards and identifies other quality measures for drinking water. It sets out detailed requirements for sampling and analysis, and a framework for investigation and remedial action when there is a failure to meet the drinking water standards.

2.0 SCREENING ANALYSIS

All public authorities in carrying out their functions relating to Northern Ireland are required under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 to identify those policies which are likely to have the greatest impact on equality of opportunity and community relations. This is assessed against the nine categories listed below.

- i. Persons of different religious beliefs
- ii. Persons of different political opinions
- iii. Persons of different racial groups
- iv. Persons of different ages
- v. Persons of different marital status.
- vi. Persons of different sexual orientation.
- vii. Men and woman generally.
- viii. Persons with a disability and persons without.
- ix. Persons with dependants and persons without.

2.1 Is there any evidence of higher or lower participation or uptake by different groups within the nine categories?

NO

2.2 Is there any evidence that particular groups have different needs, experiences and priorities in relation to the proposals?

NO

2.3 Is there an opportunity to promote equality of opportunity or good relations by altering the proposals or by other wise working with others in Government or the community at large?

NO

2.4 Have consultations in the past with relevant groups, organisations or individuals indicated that these proposals could create problems specific to them?

NO

3.0 IMPACT ASSESSMENT DECISION

3.1 Full impact assessment procedure is confined to the policies considered likely to have significant implications for equality of opportunity and community relations.

3.2 Taking account of the screening analysis in Section 2.0 do these proposals need to be submitted to a full equality impact assessment?

NO

4.0 REASON FOR DECISION

As a result of the Screening analysis in Section 2.0, it is considered that there will be no significant implications for equality of opportunity or community relations as a result of the introduction of these Regulations.

