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Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) Act 2023

- 1. Please provide a copy of any policies your Trust has developed independently and/ or together with the PSNI or Department of Health regarding enforcement of the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) Act 2023 (<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/nia/2023/1/enacted>).**

Belfast Trust has not developed any policies in relation to Safe Access Zones. There is a regional policy being developed

- 2. Has your Trust met with PSNI to discuss enforcement of the zones? Please provide details of this meeting, including location, date, content and outcome.**

Belfast Trust has not met with PSNI to discuss Safe Access Zones or enforcement of.

- 3. Has your Trust provided information and/or training to employees on the safe access zones? please provide details of this information and/or training.**

Belfast Trust has not provided any training to staff on Safe Access Zones

- 4. Questions regarding the law:
Section 1 (3): Which operators of premises in your Health and Social Care Trust has given notice to the Department of Health of their wish to be protected premises? Please name the premises.**

College Street, Belfast and Bradbury Health and Wellbeing Centre

Section 2 (2) and (4): What type of premise has given this notice (section 2(2)) and what is the name of the premise that has given notice to the Department that the operator wishes the premises to be protected premises and that notice has not been withdrawn by the operator?

Both sites are a clinic delivered by a HSC Trust and notice has been given to the Department of Health.

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Section 4 (3): Is the operator of any protected premises of the opinion that the public area mentioned in subsection (2)(b) is not adequate to afford safe access to the premises for protected persons? Has the operator given notice to the Department that it wishes the public area so mentioned to be extended by a specified distance not exceeding 150 metres? Which premises have made this request?

Yes. College Street, Belfast and Bradbury Health and Wellbeing Centre

Section 7 (a): Please provide information on whether the safe access zone for each of the requesting premises, has been established and listed, as per section 7. Please provide details on the extent of the safe access zone established for the premises under section 4. Please also note: 1- if the indication is different than the request of the operator of the premise, 2-how is it different, and 3-why the request of the operator could not be fulfilled.

The zones in both College Street and Bradbury Health and Wellbeing Centre are not yet established.

Section 7 (c): What, if any steps taken by the operators of the protected premises to bring the existence and extent of the safe access zones for those premises to the attention of the public? if not steps taken, when will this be done and through what avenues will the informaton be made public?

There will be information available on the Department of Health website as to which premises have a Safe Access Zone. Belfast Trust will also be designing and procuring signs for public display at both sites and within the vicinity of each site. Belfast Trust also had a meeting with an anti-abortion organisation, upon their request, to update them on plans for establishing a Safe Access Zone.