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## **Policies re Intimate Relationships for people with Intellectual Disability**

**What policies and procedures, relating to any aspects of intimate relationships, including sexual activity for people with intellectual disabilities are given to qualified social work staff in Learning Disability Services?**

**What training is provided to qualified social work staff in Learning Disability Services when assessing capacity for sexual consent for women with intellectual disabilities?**

**In what way are qualified social work staff involved in the assessment of capacity to consent to sexual activity of women with intellectual disabilities?**

Regional guidelines to support the Health and Social Care Trusts with the development of a Personal and Sexual Relationships Operational Protocol for Adults with Learning Disabilities is currently under review by the Public Health Agency in partnership with the Health and Social Care Trusts, with training needs review commenced.

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust have been advised that this policy is likely to be ready for formal consultation early 2024.