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2022 Pride Events – Follow Up Query

Thank you for your kind reply (dated 26/04/22) and for beating the statutory deadline. I appreciate your concern about the cost of multiple consultations. The proposed overarching consultation will of course need to seek views from all stakeholder groups to ensure the letter and spirit of the equality legislation are fully met.

Could you therefore please advise as to which of the groups likely to be offended by Pride celebrations will be on your list of consultees?

If not already on the list, could I please suggest that the following be included: The Evangelical Alliance, The Christian Institute, The Presbyterian Church in Ireland, The Reformed Presbyterian Church, The Evangelical Presbyterian Church, The Crescent Church (Belfast), The Congregational Union of Ireland, The Baptist Union of Ireland, The Church of the Nazarene and Elim Church Ireland.

I do not represent any of the above groups but I am sufficiently aware of the various groups in Northern Ireland to know that they would have meaningful contributions to make to your consultation.

Belfast Trust invited any organisation to be part of its list of consultees, and a number of the organisations referenced in your email are indeed part of that list.

The consultation will be publicised so that any interested stakeholders can participate and share their views about the proposed policy.

We note your comments and thank you for your contribution.