



Response to Consultation

Date: 8 July 10

Consultation: Public Consultation on the Continuing Need for a Controlled Activity Category in the Vetting and Barring Scheme

The Northern Ireland Federation of Housing Associations (NIFHA) represents registered and non-registered housing associations in Northern Ireland. Collectively, our members provide 32,000 good quality, affordable homes for renting or equity sharing. Further information is available at www.nifha.org

Our members within the Housing Association Movement employ in excess of 2000 people, and seek to recruit highly competent members of staff in an equitable manner. A number of our members provide care and other services to vulnerable individuals and groups of people. This places them in a position of trust and our members recognise the importance of ensuring that they comply with the regulations on vetting and barring.

NIFHA welcomes the opportunity to be consulted on amendments to the scheme on behalf of our members, however your letter of 15 June 10 informed NIFHA of the intention of the coalition government to conduct a review of the Vetting and Barring Scheme (VBS). We will therefore await the outcome of this review and note the content of the original document without further comment.

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