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Dear Consultee

## **Equality Impact Assessment – Provisional Criteria for Initiating Statutory Assessments of Special Educational Need and for Making Statements of Special Educational Need**

Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 places certain statutory duties on public authorities in regard to the promotion of equality of opportunity and good relations. The five Education and Library Boards have conducted an Equality Impact Assessment of their policy 'Provisional Criteria for Initiating Statements of Special Educational Need'.

As part of the Equality Impact Assessment a consultation document was issued in June 2010. A report on the results of that consultation exercise, which includes details of the responses received during the consultation, consideration of these responses and the mitigations measures to be adopted by the five Education and Library Boards in relation to this comprehensive review, is now available on the North Eastern Board's website at [www.neelb.org.uk](http://www.neelb.org.uk). The proposed actions are detailed in the report. The five Education and Library Boards believe the agreed actions will have a beneficial effect in terms of the issues raised in relation to the nine equality categories. The report is also available on each Board's website.

If you require the report in an alternative format, including large print, on computer disc, in Braille, on audio-cassette and in minority languages to meet the needs of those people not fluent in English please contact:-

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On behalf of the five Boards I wish to thank all those who took part in the consultation process. If you have any queries regarding the report please do not hesitate to contact Alf or myself.

Yours sincerely,

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