

PBNI Disclosure Log – Response to Request

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Request and Response

Please advise me of the following:

Why is The Partnership based in a building that is a safe space strictly for women only?

Response: PBNI do not hold this information.

Why is The Partnership's Co-ordinator based in a building that is a safe space strictly for women only?

Response: PBNI do not hold this information.

What risk management assessment has been conducted to determine the appropriateness of these arrangements?

Response: PBNI do not hold this information.

How do Board justify the decision to agree that responsibility for the day to day line management of The Partnership Co-ordinator should be supervised by Women's Aid Belfast & Lisburn? (*1)

Response: PBNI do not hold this information.

Who funds The Partnership's Co-ordinator Role recruited by public advertisement in 2021?

Response: PBNI do not hold this information.

How did members of The Partnership justify the direct sex discrimination criteria applied in relation to this Co-ordinator Role?

Response: PBNI do not hold this information.

What advice have members of The Partnership requested or received from the Equality Commission NI in relation to recruitment and the application of genuine occupational requirements (GOQ's)?

Response: PBNI do not hold this information.

What role do the Board play in recruitment for roles working on behalf of The Partnership? Why have The Partnership not responded to my correspondence about this matter (sent in January, February and June 2022)? (*2)

Response: PBNI do not hold this information.

Are the Board members of any of the other four Regional Domestic & Sexual Violence Partnerships?

Response: The Probation Board is represented on each of the other four Regional Domestic & Sexual Violence Partnerships. Domestic Violence Partnerships Domestic Violence Partnerships (DVPs) bring together agencies, organisations, groups and individuals who share a common interest and purpose in improving services and support for all victims of domestic violence and abuse. The DVPs includes representation from the PSNI, Women's Aid, the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE), NSPCC, the Probation Board for Northern Ireland (PBNI) and other local agencies and organisations. They meet regularly to take forward particular themes or relevant issues such as domestic violence workplace policies, supporting teachers in their role as social guardians, and monitoring changes to legislation.

Are the Board aware of any similar examples of directly discriminatory practices that may impact on any of the Regional Partnership's ability to create inclusive, collaborative multi-agency partnership working environments best equipped to generate positive action to eliminate abuse experienced across all Section 75 Groups? If so, how are they justified?

Response: PBNI do not hold this information.

If you have any queries about this letter, or if you feel I have misinterpreted your request please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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