**Overview**

The Department of Health has led on the development of a Covid-19 Vulnerable Children and Young People's Plan, which has been produced on a cross-departmental basis with DfC, DE, DOJ and DfE.  Please click the link below to access the plan:

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-cross-departmental-covid-19-vulnerable-children-and-young-peoples-plan>

The plan has been developed in response to the challenges and risks facing children, young people and their families due to the Covid-19 pandemic.  It is intended to reflect a series of activities that will be, or have been, undertaken across the Executive to meet the needs of vulnerable children, young people and their families during this time and in the recovery period after.

**Freedom of Information and Data Protection**

The information you provide in your response to this consultation, excluding personal information, may be published or disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). If you want the information that you provide to be treated as confidential, please tell us why, but be aware that, under the FOIA, we cannot guarantee confidentiality.

Anonymised comments may be published on the Department of Health website and in a resulting report on the consultation. If you are replying on behalf of an organisation, only the name of the organisation will feature in the report.  If you do not want the name of your organisation to be published, please let us know.

Any personal information submitted will be handled in accordance with GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018

For more information on how the Department handles personal information please see the Departmental Privacy Notice <https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/health/DoH-Privacy-Notice.pdf>

**Why We Are Consulting**

The Executive agreed to the publication of the Covid-19 Vulnerable Children and Young People's plan on 6 August 2020, subject to a targeted consultation to ensure the Plan:

* reflects the activities that are being undertaken to support children and vulnerable families during Covid-19;
* reflects how services have adapted and enhanced provision to continue to support children and families during Covid-19; and
* includes new actions, which have been undertaken specifically to address some of lockdown's risks and challenges.

The Plan will help support the next steps in rebuilding services to meet the needs of vulnerable children and young people.

**INTRODUCTION**

1. What is your name?

Dr Richard Wilson

1. What is your e-mail address:

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1. What is your organisation?

Royal College of Psychiatrists NI – Chair. We are the professional body for all 440 Psychiatrists in Northern Ireland.

4. Are you content for the name of your organisation to be published?

 Yes No

If no, please explain why



5. Do you agree with how the Plan has defined vulnerable children and young people?

(Required) Yes No

If no, please explain why



6. Do you agree with the objectives of the Plan?

(Required) Yes No

If no, please explain why



**SECTION 1: PROMOTING SAFETY AND WELLBEING IN THE HOME ENVIRONMENT**

7. Do you agree that the right actions have been included here?

(Required) Yes No

If no, please explain why



8. Are there any needs that are not being addressed through the actions in this section?

(Required) Yes No

If yes, please specify



9. Are you aware of any examples of best practice that are addressing need in this area?

(Required) Yes No

If yes, please specify



**SECTION 2: PROMOTING SAFETY AND WELLBEING IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY**

10. Do you agree that the right actions have been included here?

 Yes No

If no, please explain why



11. Are there any needs that are not being addressed through the actions in this section?

(Required) Yes No

If yes, please specify



12. Are you aware of any examples of best practice that are addressing need in this area?

(Required) Yes No

If yes, please specify



**SECTION 3: STRENGTHEN SYSTEM CAPACITY TO RESPOND TO CURRENT RISKS**

13. Do you agree that the right actions have been included here?

(Required) Yes No

If no, please explain why

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14. Are there any needs that are not being addressed through the actions in this section?

(Required) Yes No

If yes, please specify

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15. Are you aware of any examples of best practice that are addressing need in this area?

(Required) Yes No

If yes, please specify

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**SECTION 4: REBUILD SERVICES**

16. Are there additional actions required in connection with rebuilding/resetting/restarting services for vulnerable children and families?

(Required) Yes No

If yes, please specify

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17. In the event of a further surge, are there specific actions which you would recommend to safeguard vulnerable children and young people and promote their welfare?

 Yes No

If yes, please specify

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**SUMMING UP**

18. Are you aware of any sources of evidence that would be useful to the Executive in meeting needs of vulnerable children and young people during Covid-19?

If yes, please detail below

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19. Any other comments?

If yes, please detail below

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**Almost Done…**

The completed questionnaire should be returned to FCPDadmin@health-ni.gov.uk. By submitting your response you give us permission to analyse and include your responses in our results*.*

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