

Women's Policy Group NI

Adult Restorative Justice Consultation – September 2020 Women's Policy Group Statement of Endorsement

15th September 2020

To whom it may concern,

My name is Rachel Powell and I am the Women's Sector Lobbyist with the Women's Resource and Development Agency. WRDA acts as the Secretariat of the Women's Policy Group NI (WPG). The WPG is a platform for women working in policy and advocacy roles in different organisations to share their work and speak with a collective voice on key issues. It is made up of women from trade unions, grassroots women's organisations, women's networks, feminist campaigning organisations, LGBT+ organisations, migrant groups, support service providers, NGOs, human rights groups, equality organisations and individuals. Over the years, this important network has ensured there is good communication between politicians, policy makers and women's organisations on the ground. The WPG represents all women of Northern Ireland and we use our group expertise to lobby to influence the development and implementation of policies affecting women. The WPG is endorsed as a voice that represents all women of Northern Ireland on a policy level. The WPG has collective expertise on protected characteristics and focus on identifying the intersectional needs of all women.

I am writing in relation to the recent public consultation of Adult Restorative Justice that closed on Friday 11th September 2020. The Women's Policy Group would like to endorse the responses sent by two of our members, Raise Your Voice and the Committee on the Administration of Justice, to the recent Adult Restorative Justice Consultation Response. These responses by our members are consistent with the views of the wider WPG on Restorative Justice, as outlined in our previous consultation responses relating to domestic violence and hate crime. We would like to take this opportunity, as a representative group of the wider women's sector, to endorse the detailed responses of our members and have it recorded that we support the positions taken by our members.

If you have any questions or queries about this, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via email – rachel.powell@wrda.net.

Kind regards,

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