

# Women's Policy Group NI

## **Women's Policy Group Endorsement of CAJ Response to PSNI Consultation and Equality Impact Assessment on the temporary use of Spit and Bite Guards**

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To whom it may concern,

The [Women's Policy Group NI](#) (WPG) would like to endorse the consultation response submitted by our member organisation the Committee on the Administration of Justice (CAJ) to the Police Service Northern Ireland public consultation and equality impact assessment on the temporary use of Spit and Bite Guards (SBG).

In particular, the WPG shares the concerns of CAJ in relation to the major adverse impact on equality identified in the EQIA, particularly on children and young people and disabled people. The WPG would like to echo the recommendation from CAJ that the PSNI, in accordance with its Equality Scheme, adopts an alternative policy – namely to implement the recommendation of the Policing Board NI and discontinue the use of Spit and Bite Guards immediately.

For any questions or queries regarding this letter of endorsement, please contact Rachel Powell, Women's Sector Lobbyist, [rachel.powell@wrda.net](mailto:rachel.powell@wrda.net).

Kind regards,

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