

## Appendix 2 - Template for Information to be Compiled

### Information to be compiled by Public Authorities under Section 3(1)(a) of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016.

*(To be completed and included in public authorities' own annual reports and submitted to Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Issues (DAERA) for inclusion in the Rural Needs Annual Monitoring Report).*

Name of Public Authority:

Reporting Period: April 20  to March 20

#### Background

The Western Trust is committed to its reporting and monitoring obligations in accordance with the Rural Needs Act (NI) (2016). The Trust has carried out the following activity to comply with and mainstream the duties:

- Health & Social Care Trusts have worked collaboratively to ensure that the rural needs impact assessment template is user-friendly and relevant to HSC business. The key components of the template issued by Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Issues have been used in compliance with the legislative obligations.
- The Directorate of Planning, Performance and Corporate Services is responsible for central co-ordination of the monitoring report on behalf of the Trust.
- Trust staff continue to liaise with Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Issues staff regarding training, information and advice for staff.
- Advice and guidance is available within the Trust for staff completing rural needs assessments.

The Trust is committed to promoting and upholding its duties in relation to the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016 and will have due regard to rural needs in the development of all our policy and public service delivery decisions. The Trust is mindful that the level of 'regard' due will depend on the circumstances and, in particular, on the relevance of rural needs to the decision or function in question. The greater the relevance and potential impact for people in rural needs, the greater the regard required by the duty. In the table below, the Trust has provided detail on those policies which were considered as having a bearing on rural needs and therefore subject to a rural needs assessment. In preparing this monitoring template the Trust considered policies in respect of the social and economic needs of persons in rural areas and for the majority, no rural needs were identified. Many of these policies are clinical or technical in nature and have no bearing on rural needs.

The following table includes information on policies where a Rural Needs Impact Assessment has been completed:

<i>Description of the activity undertaken by the public authority which is subject to section 1(1) of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016<sup>1</sup>.</i>	<i>The rural policy area(s) which the activity relates to<sup>2</sup>.</i>	<i>Describe how the public authority has had due regard to rural needs when developing, adopting, implementing or revising the policy, strategy or plan or when designing or delivering the public service<sup>3</sup>.</i>
Introduction of Regional Automatic Number Plate Recognition Car Parking Management Solution to Hospital sites	Health and Social Care	<p>Service Users living in rural areas may be encouraged by this legislation to drive private cars to appointments as transport can present an issue for people living in rural areas, especially the elderly and disabled people due to geographical isolation, e.g. people living in rural areas may have to travel further to access public transport, there can sometimes be a lack of public transport, and timing of public transport may be an issue. Adding to the additional cost of living for people in rural areas with extra fuel/transport costs.</p> <p>Lack of internet availability/quality can be an issue in rural areas which can bring issues to staff and Service Users when booking a space online although tablets will be available onsite for this purpose. Statistics published on Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Issues website show that 93% and 99% of rural and urban areas respectively had coverage of superfast broadband in 2023.</p> <p>The Trust commits to monitoring for any potential adverse impact on our Service Users.</p>
Reconfiguration of Rossneal Home Site as 6x bedded Children's Home	Health and Social Care	Distance between Chapel Road and the Rossneal site is 2.2 miles. This will have minor impact on staff with additional time or costs with travelling to work. Service Users will be further away from the L'Derry city centre however impact will be minor. Any rurality issues have been considered in accordance with child care planning

		(locality Planning that feeds into Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership) although there are no anticipated issues expected as procedure will remain the same.
Development of Allergy Status Documentation Policy	Health and Social Care	No Rural Needs Identified
Adaption of Administration of Urokinase for Central Venous Access Device Occlusion in Adults >18	Health and Social Care	No Rural Needs Identified
Proposal for the Removal of set holiday closure practices in Drumcoo Day Centre, Enniskillen	Health and Social Care	No Rural Needs Identified
Development of Direct Award Contract Guidance	Health and Social Care	No Rural Needs Identified
Update of Endowment & Gift Funds – Establishment of Interim Superfunds	Health and Social Care	No Rural Needs Identified
Development of Project Bank Account Procedure	Health and Social Care	No Rural Needs Identified
Development of Regulation and Professional Registration Policy	Health and Social Care	No Rural Needs Identified
Updating of Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse Workplace Policy	Health and Social Care	No Rural Needs Identified
Implementing the Learning at Work Policy	Health and Social Care	No Rural Needs Identified
Extension of Working Longer Guidance - Retire and Return Policy	Health and Social Care	No Rural Needs Identified
Development of Supporting Performance Improvement Policy	Health and Social Care	No Rural Needs Identified
Update of Appraisal Policy for Doctors and Dentists	Health and Social Care	No Rural Needs Identified
Implementing the Delivering Value Accelerated Doctors Banding Compliance Work Stream	Health and Social Care	No Rural Needs Identified
Development of Emergency Planning and Business Continuity Management Policy	Health and Social Care	No Rural Needs Identified

Update of Nursing and Midwifery Rostering Policy	Health and Social Care	No Rural Needs Identified
Update of Refeeding Syndrome Guideline for Adult Inpatients	Health and Social Care	No Rural Needs Identified
Implementing the Management of Adults with Dysphagia – Eating, Drinking and Swallowing (EDS)	Health and Social Care	No Rural Needs Identified
Delay of roll out of Care Opinion supported by investment available via the Public Health Agency	Health and Social Care	No Rural Needs Identified
Re-tender for Short Stay Breaks for Young People	Health and Social Care	No Rural Needs Identified
Update to the Guidance on the Principles & Practice surrounding the safe administration of preschool Immunisations	Health and Social Care	No Rural Needs Identified
Update of the Procedure for the Health Visiting Service Audit of Records. Health Visitors who are newly qualified, returning to practice or have trained outside Northern Ireland. Operational Guidance for Management of Health Visiting Service during periods of significant staff shortage/service pressures	Health and Social Care	No Rural Needs Identified
Implementation of the Key Worker Pathway - for health visitors and school nurses (SCPHNs) & family nurses (FNP) working with children and young people subject to Child Protection processes.	Health and Social Care	No Rural Needs Identified

## NOTES

1. This information should normally be contained in section 1B of the RNIA Template completed in respect of the activity.
2. This information should normally be contained in section 2D of the RNIA Template completed in respect of the activity.
3. The information contained in sections 3D, 4A & 5B of the RNIA Template should be considered when completing this section.