

Department of Justice recommendations – CJINI Review of the Domestic Abuse and Civil Proceedings Act (NI) 2021

Recommendation	Location	Lead	Update
Within three months of the publication of this report, the Department of Justice should take steps to raise awareness of the statutory guidance across statutory and non-statutory sectors	paragraph 2.7	Emma Crozier	<p>Statutory guidance to be included as an agenda item at the next Stakeholder Assurance Group meeting (19 March) and circulated to all members.</p> <p>Discussions to take place with Departmental Press Office to determine if links to the guidance could be circulated on social media.</p> <p>We will also identify relevant organisations and write to them sharing a copy, highlighting why it is relevant to them.</p>
Within three months of the publication of this report Department of Justice should take steps to further promote participation in the ‘Domestic Abuse - Context and Change’ e-learning package	paragraph 2.24	Emma Crozier	<p>We have started conversations with The Centre of Applied Learning (CAL) to determine if a shorter version of the package could be developed to encourage uptake across the NICS. We are also exploring whether the DAART NI website (which we developed in tandem with the e-learning and is shorter) could be promoted amongst the NICS in addition to the e-learning. There is a mechanism already in place to measure uptake from DAART NI. We will also engage with the TEO EVAWG team to ask if they could help us promote this.</p>
Within six months of the publication of this report, the Department of Justice should review the relevant sections of the Domestic Abuse and Civil Proceedings (Northern Ireland) Act 2021 with a view to introducing a presumption of a personal connection, allowing for this be challenged by the	paragraph 4.16	Emma Crozier	<p>We will review the relevant sections and provide advice to the Minister, informed by engagement with criminal justice organisations and consideration of approaches and models in neighbouring jurisdictions.</p>

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