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Dear Sir/Madam,

**LAUNCH OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION - RESTRICTIVE INTERVENTIONS:
GUIDANCE FOR EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS**

I am writing to make you aware that the Department has launched a public consultation on draft 'Restrictive Interventions: Guidance for Educational Settings'.

The consultation runs from 12 March to 4 June 2026. A consultation on the associated Equality Impact Assessment will run in parallel with the wider consultation.

Further details of the consultation are available on the Department's website [Consultations | Department of Education \(education-ni.gov.uk\)](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/consultations). I look forward to receiving the views of your organisation in response to the consultation.

Following the consultation, the Department will consider the responses received, with a view to issuing the final version of the guidance as soon as possible thereafter.

Please feel free to contact the Department should you wish to discuss any issues related to the guidance or the consultation further.

Yours sincerely,

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