

Feedback on NI Multiple Deprivation Measure 2004: Consultation Document

Submitted for Derry & Strabane LSP

The secretariat of Strabane & Derry LSPs would like to thank NISRA for the opportunity to give their feedback on the multiple deprivation measures for NI.

Overall, we feel that the language of the document, eg 'below 60% of median', may have limited feedback from Community groups

Domains

- We would have concerns around accurate measurement of the 'Crime' domain and discuss this later in the document

Employment Deprivation

- Shouldn't women in employment aged 60-65 be included?

Health Deprivation & Disability

- Shouldn't just include mortality rates – include health risks such as obesity
- Learning disabilities are not mentioned
- Dental health should be included

Education, Skills & Training Deprivation

- Should have proportions of those leaving school aged 16+ and not entering Further Education, other 17 & 18 year olds not included
- Census data is too old for Working age adults – could there be another source?
- Proportions of years 11 and 12 pupils not in a grammar school, is not an adequate measurement as now the majority of schools are in the Comprehensive System and only have a Grammar stream

Geographical Access to Services

- Should be measured by time taken to travel to services rather than distance
- Access to Post Offices is not as important as access to banks
- Access to opticians, dentist & pharmacist important
- Access to schools, other community facilities and sports & leisure should be included
- Out of hours medical services now an important service that should be covered
- If access to Social Security Offices is excluded, then access to information & advice is particularly important for members of the public that are not aware of income support, etc

Living Environment

- Need to include green spaces & pollution
- Property value will determine rates
- Affordable housing should be included

Crime

- As the source for these stats are limited to the PSNI we feel that there would not be an accurate reflection of crime in predominantly Catholic areas
- Could statistics from the Court Service be used here?
- Need to have paramilitary crime separated from others
- Racial attacks not included
- Drug offences are increasing therefore they should stay included