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The following is my personal response after reading and trying to assess the document

Multiple Deprivation Measure 2004-Consultation Response 18thAug

I believe that the proposed domains are generally acceptable, however I don't understand the need for or benefit of the proposed crime domain. Equally I would want to see what factors are being used to define Weak Community Infrastructure in order to assess it. In principal I would be content with the proposed indicators and the proposed method of combination(as I understand them)

5 Indicators

Income Deprivation--ok

Employment Deprivation--I still have concerns on how some of these figures have been window dressed by Governments to improve results

Health Deprivation and Disability--this is very complex

Education, Skills and Training--I agree with the proposed two separate sub-domains with equal weights and method of combination

Geographical Access to Services--the indicators are weak because the definition of access is weak. It doesn't appear to rural isolation, imbalance in public transport, particularly West of the Bann. The combination of these mean the weighting is inadequate and combination wrong.

Living Environment--I agree with the proposed sub-domains but am uncertain how the method of combination is going to work and so can't judge weighting.

Crime--while I agree with the indicators, I'm unsure how the weighting and combining process will develop.

6 Data, Time Point, Denominators, Geography and Spatial Scale-I would be concerned how these Super Output Areas will be worked and by the fact that pockets of deprivation won't be reflected

7 Methodology--I have some concerns about method of weighting and I don't think SOA,s should be the core geographical unit for Deprivation, the economic deprivation is still required.

