**Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form**

**Guidance Notes:**

NIPSO is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We aim to provide equality of opportunity to all persons regardless of their gender, including gender reassignment, marital or civil partnership status, having or not having dependants, pregnancy and maternity, religious beliefs, political opinion, race, ethnic origin, colour or nationality, political opinion, sexual orientation, disability, age, Trade Union membership or non-membership or criminal records.

In this questionnaire we will ask you to provide us with some personal information about yourself. We are doing this for two reasons.

Firstly, we are doing this to demonstrate our commitment to promoting equality and opportunity in employment.

Secondly, we also monitor the community background and sex of our job applicants and employees in order to comply with our duties under the Fair Employment and Treatment (NI) Order 1998.

We encourage you to answer the questions below. Your identity will be kept anonymous and your answers will be treated with the strictest confidence. We assure you that your answers will not be used by us to make any unlawful decisions affecting you, whether in a recruitment exercise or during the course of any employment with us. To protect your privacy, you should not write your name on this questionnaire. The form will carry a unique identification number and only our Monitoring Officer will be able to match this to your name.

**You are not obliged to answer the questions on this form and you will not suffer any detriment if you choose not to do so.**

**Monitoring Form: Caseworker Officer**

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| **Please state your national insurance number:** |  |

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| Regardless of whether they actually practise a particular religion, most people in Northern Ireland are perceived to be members of either the Protestant or Roman Catholic Communities.**Please indicate your religion or the religion to which you would be perceived to belong by ticking the appropriate box below:** |  |  |
| I am a member of the Protestant Community  |[ ]   |
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| I am a member of the Roman Catholic Community |[ ]   |
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| I am a member of neither the Protestant nor the Roman  |[ ]   |
| Catholic Community*If you do not answer the above question, or you tick the “not a member of either” box, we are encouraged to use the residuary method of making a determination, which means that we can make a determination as to your community background on the basis of the personal information supplied by you in your application form/personnel file.* |  |  |

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| **Sex****Please indicate your gender by ticking the appropriate box below:** |  |  |
| Male  |[ ]   |
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| Female |[ ]   |
| Note: If you answer these questions about community background and sex are obliged to do so truthfully, as it is a criminal offence under the Fair Employment (Monitoring) Regulations (NI) 1999 to knowingly give false answers to these questions. |  |  |
| **Disability:****Do you consider yourself to have a disability under the terms of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, defined as a physical or mental impairment, which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on a person’s ability to carry out normal day to day activities? Please note that it is the effect of the impairment without treatment which determines whether an individual meets the definition.****Do you consider that you are a disabled person?** |   |  |
| Yes |[ ]   |
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| No |[ ]   |
| If ‘yes’, please state the nature of your disability: |  |  |

This monitoring form should be returned **by email to** **monitoringofficer@nipso.org.uk**