#  Confidential Reference no:

# **Monitoring Questionnaire**

# **Guidance Notes:**

We are an Equal Opportunities organisation. We aim to provide equality of opportunity to all persons regardless of their age; gender reassignment; whether they are married or in a civil partnership; or, whether they are pregnant or on maternity leave; or, whether they have a disability; regardless of race including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin; religion or belief; sex; or, sexual orientation. We do not discriminate against any applicants on any of the grounds listed above. We aim to select the best person for the appointment and all appointment decisions will be made objectively.

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 of opportunity in appointments. The information that you provide us will assist us to measure the effectiveness of our equal opportunity policies and to develop affirmative or positive action policies.

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

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

Nevertheless, 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 in an appointment exercise. 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.

# **Community Background:**

# Regardless of whether they actually practice a particular religion, most people in Northern Ireland are perceived to be members of either the Protestant or Roman Catholic communities.

# Please indicate the community to which you belong by marking with an **X** below:

# If you do not answer the above question, 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.

# I am a member of the Protestant community: [ ]

# I am a member of the Roman Catholic community: [ ]

# I am not a member of either the Protestant or the Roman Catholic communities: [ ]

# **Sex:** Please indicate your sex by marking with a **X** below:

Male: [ ]

Female: [ ]

# **Note: If you answer these questions about community background and sex you 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.**

# **Age:**

# Please state your date of birth in the box below:

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# **Racial Group:**

# Please indicate your race or colour or ethnic or national origins in the box below:

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# **Please state your nationality:**

# **Disability:**

# Under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 a person is deemed to be a disabled person if he or she has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day-today activities. Please note that it is the effect of the impairment without treatment which determines whether an individual meets this definition.

# **Do you consider that you are a disabled person?** Please mark with an **X** below:

# Yes: [ ]

# No: [ ]

# If you answered “yes”, please indicate the nature of your impairment by marking with an **X** in the category below:

# Physical impairment, such as difficulty using your arms, or mobility issues requiring you to use a wheelchair or crutches: [ ]

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# Sensory impairment, such as being blind or having a serious visual impairment, or being deaf or having a serious hearing impairment: [ ]

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# Mental health condition, such as depression or schizophrenia: [ ]

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# Learning disability or difficulty, such as Down’s Syndrome or dyslexia, or Cognitive impairment, such as autistic spectrum disorder: [ ]

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# Long-standing or progressive illness or health condition, such as cancer, HIV infection, diabetes, epilepsy or chronic heart disease: [ ]

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# Other (please specify):[ ]

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# **Sexual Orientation:**

# Please indicate your sexual orientation by marking an **X** in the category below:

# My Sexual Orientation is towards:

# Persons of a different sex to me (i.e. I am a heterosexual man or woman): [ ]

# Persons of the same sex as me (i.e. I am a gay man or a lesbian): [ ]

# Persons of both sexes (i.e. I am a bisexual man or woman): [ ]

# **Marital Status / Civil Partnership Status:**

# Please indicate whether you are married or in a civil partnership by marking an X

# Are you married or in a civil partnership?

# Yes: [ ]

# No: [ ]

# **Dependants / Caring Responsibilities:**

# Do you have dependants, or caring responsibilities for family members or other persons?

# Yes: [ ]

# No: [ ]

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# If you answered “yes”, please indicate whether your dependants or the people you look after are:

# (Please mark X in the appropriate category):

# A child or children: [ ]

# A disabled person or persons: [ ]

# An elderly person or persons: [ ]

# Other: [ ]

# If “ Other” , please specify: [ ]

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This completed monitoring form should be emailed to Conor.Campbell@food.gov.uk by **4pm on Tuesday 5th December 2023.**