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Dear School Principal

**STATUTORY GUIDANCE ON THE REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT OF
RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES IN EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

I am writing to make you aware that the public consultation on the draft 'Statutory Guidance on the Reduction and Management of Restrictive Practices in Educational Settings in Northern Ireland' has now launched. The consultation runs from 5 September 2023 until 3 November 2023. 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 statutory 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'claire mcclelland'.

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