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CONSULTATION ON A NEW STRATEGY FOR VICTIMS AND **SURVIVORS**

Sinn Féin Junior Minister Gerry Kelly MLA today joined with fellow Junior Minister Jeffrey Donaldson to announce the publication of a draft strategy for victims and survivors.

Both Ministers met with staff and volunteers at the WAVE Trauma Centre to hear of the support they deliver to victims and survivors - from befriending and individual counselling to advice and training seminars.

Gerry Kelly said:

"The Executive set aside £36million to meet the needs of victims and survivors over the next three years. However, we want to ensure that future support and services are shaped by victims and survivors. It is important that everyone with an interest in victims and survivors issues read this draft document carefully and gives us their views. This outline Strategy will set a clear direction for policy in this area over the next 10 years. Through the Executive, we have the opportunity to make a real difference to the lives of those affected by conflict."

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

1. The consultation document can be obtained by contacting the Victims Unit of OFMDFM at the following address: The Victims Unit

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2. The document may also be downloaded from the OFMDFM website at http://

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