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Annexe 2

Survey of Counselling Services in Northern Ireland

In response to the Social Services Inspectorate (SSI) report "Living with the Trauma of the Troubles" (1998) the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSS&PS) Commissioned SSI to conduct a review of counselling services in Northern Ireland. As part of this review three surveys were conducted and three statistical reports prepared.

The first statistical report presents information on counselling organisations and individual counsellors in Northern Ireland. It provides, amongst other things, information on the nature of counselling, the types of problems organisations provide counselling for, the client profile and source of referrals to counselling organisations, assessment and caseloads, and qualifications and accreditation of counselling organisations and individual counsellors. The report also contains the views of counsellors on a range of issues within the counselling profession.

The second statistical report presents information on the nature and availability of counselling training in Northern Ireland. It provides information on the number of training organisations and trainers, the courses they offer, their accreditation, duration and cost, methods of affiliation, selection and delivery of courses and the qualifications held by trainers and awarded by training organisations.

The third and final statistical report presents information on those who have been users of counselling services in Northern Ireland. It provides information on the characteristics of counselling service users, how users found out about counselling services, the extent of contact they had with counsellors, and their experience of the counselling process.

Survey 1: The Nature and Standards of Counselling Organisations and Individual Counsellors in Northern Ireland

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