**Response template for consultation on Pre-trial therapy guidance**

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| **Question 1**  Will the revised guidance and, in particular, the key message that therapy should not be delayed for any reason connected with a criminal investigation or prosecution, encourage victims to obtain the therapy they need in a timely fashion? |
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| **Question 2**  Will the revised guidance assist in addressing the perception that therapy will damage the prosecution case? |
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| **Question 3**  Will the revised guidance assist in raising awareness of how a traumatised victim may present? |
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| **Question 4**  Will the revised guidance including the content of Annex A assist in raising awareness about different forms of trauma-based therapy? |
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| **Question 5**  Is the revised guidance covering therapies that might cause difficulties at pages 12 and 13 accurate, useful and comprehensive? |
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| **Question 6**  Is the revised guidance for therapists at pages 5 and 6 covering discussions with a victim prior to the commencement of pre-trial therapy accurate, useful and comprehensive? |
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| **Question 7**  Does the revised guidance including Annex B provide sufficient clarity to therapists around how to record a disclosure of criminality made by a victim during the course of therapy? |
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| **Question 8**  Does the revised guidance provide sufficient clarity to therapists around procedures to follow when called upon to assist with a police investigation? |
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| **Question 9**  Does the revised guidance provide sufficient clarity around the circumstances when an investigator might seek access to pre-trial therapy notes during the course of an investigation including the importance of avoiding speculative enquiries? |
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| **Question 10**  Does the revised guidance provide sufficient clarity around the process that should be followed when an investigator seeks access to pre-trial therapy notes including obtaining the victim’s informed consent? |
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| **Question 11**  Does the revised guidance provide sufficient clarity around the circumstances when an investigator will be required to pass material contained within pre-trial therapy notes to a prosecutor? |
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| **Question 12**  Does the revised guidance provide sufficient clarity around the circumstances when a prosecutor might be required to disclose material contained within pre-trial therapy notes to the defence and how, during that process, consideration is given to the consent of the victim? |
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| **Question 13**  Do you have any other feedback you wish to share around how the revised guidance could be improved? |
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