Diversity Profile of Offenders under the Supervision of the Probation Board for Northern Ireland

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Summary: This paper discusses equality research conducted by PBNI staff from June 2010 to date. This research seeks to identify the diversity of the offending population and discover through ongoing longitudinal research whether different groups have differing needs and issues that PBNI should consider to promote equality of opportunity. This research is supporting the development of PBNI’s Equality Scheme due to be published in November 2011.

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