

EANI Response to DHSSPS Adoption proposals

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Having sought to engage constructively with Government over the Sexual Orientation Regulations, it is now disappointing to note its refusal to understand or respect the deeply held convictions of many Christians in relation to adoption.

The position now proposed by Government will leave agencies with long established track records in an impossible position.

Given that adoption by homosexual couples will now be permitted under new proposals, what harm can be done by exempting certain agencies which as a matter of conscience, are unable to accommodate such requests?

Contrary to popular portrayals, those who hold to such principles are not merely bigots or narrow-minded fundamentalists.

While some may see a system of referring homosexual couples to other agencies as a fudge, politics is all about negotiation and give-and-take, finding practical and pragmatic solutions to further the common good.