**Annex A**

**CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED**

**You must only deliver summer activities if you are confident you can do so safely**.

To support key workers in front line services, any summer activity you may wish to provide should prioritise key worker children aged 9 to 13 (14-18 year olds on exception). Where capacity allows and within the constraints of public health and Departmental guidance, once key worker children have been accommodated, consideration can be given for any remaining capacity to accommodate other members who would particularly benefit.

Management committees who wish to deliver some summer activity for their members will need to ensure the following conditions are applied:

* Strict adherence to current public health guidance[[1]](#footnote-1) and Departmental guidance for safe working in all educational settings in Northern Ireland[[2]](#footnote-2) .Management committees must ensure staff, volunteers and service users are familiar with these. Until supplementary guidance for the youth sector is available, the DE safe working guidance should be applied.
* Strict compliance with the relevant permissions in respect of the Executive’s 5 stage recovery plan[[3]](#footnote-3), including limiting groups to the numbers applicable at the stage of programme delivery (note that this may be subject to change); and
* Strict compliance with Safeguarding and Child protection guidance[[4]](#footnote-4).

To ensure the safety of all staff; volunteers and young people, management committees should undertake a full and robust organisational risk assessment of summer activity and appropriate actions to minimise or eliminate risk (including infection control). Management Committees should retain written evidence of the risk assessment and any mitigating actions. Pending further supplementary guidance, you may find the risk assessment template on the UK site helpful - <https://youthworksupport.co.uk/>.

Management Committees must ensure that appropriate insurance cover for any planned activities is in place. It is therefore strongly recommended that insurers are consulted in advance of any planned activity.

**Annex B**

**FURTHER GUIDANCE**

Department of Education guidance for all educational settings on safe working during the current pandemic can be accessed through the following link:

[www.education-ni.gov.uk/news/guidance-support-safe-working-educational-settings-published](http://www.education-ni.gov.uk/news/guidance-support-safe-working-educational-settings-published)

This guidance includes a strategy for infection prevention and control to facilitate safe working; the specific circumstances in which personal protective equipment (PPE) should be used; and additional measures to support specific areas of concern in respect of children with underlying medical conditions; Special Educational Needs and safeguarding. The Department will publish further supplementary guidance specific to the youth sector in due course.

Pending the completion of this supplementary guidance, you may also find the broad principles in the guidance for schools helpful, in particular the Covid-19 risk, practical approaches to social distancing, the concept of protective bubbles, importance of good hygiene and workforce considerations – details available at [www.education-ni.gov.uk/publications/northern-ireland-re-opening-school-guidance-new-school-day](http://www.education-ni.gov.uk/publications/northern-ireland-re-opening-school-guidance-new-school-day).

You may also find UK government guidance helpful in planning any summer activity - <https://youthworksupport.co.uk/>. Pending the publication of further local guidance, you may find the information, including risk assessment templates, helpful

Additional information, including the latest guidance on regulations is available at [www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/coronavirus-covid-19](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/coronavirus-covid-19). As this is subject to change you should continue to check to see the latest advice and any updates.

1. PHA Guidance link: <https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. DE Guidance for Safe Working in All Education Settings link: <https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/education/Guidance%20to%20support%20safe%20Working%20in%20Educational%20Settings%20in%20Northern%20Ire....pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Executive’s 5 Stage Delivery Plan link: <https://www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/execoffice/execuitveour-approach-to-decision-making.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. DE Safeguarding and Child Protection Guidance link: <https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/education/safeguarding-and-child-protection-in-schools-guide-pdf-for-website-%28september-2019%29.pdf>

   EA Safeguarding and Child Protection Guidance link: <https://www.eani.org.uk/school-management/safeguarding-and-child-protection/the-ea-child-protection-support-service-cpss> [↑](#footnote-ref-4)