

# **Loneliness and Social Isolation Select Committee**

## **Hearing 14**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

### **Witness Guide for Members**

*Below are suggested themes and questions. They have been provided in advance to the witnesses to allow them to prepare for the types of issues that Members may be interested to explore. All Members are welcome to ask these questions or pose additional ones to the witnesses via the Committee Chairman.*

### **Themes and Questions**

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- Please introduce yourself and provide an outline of the roles and responsibilities that your post involves.
- What are the main causes leading to loneliness and social isolation amongst adults aged 65 and over?
- What are the consequences of loneliness and social isolation on older people?
- What national strategies and interventions has the Government put in place to prevent or reduce loneliness and social isolation amongst older people? What initiatives and strategies are working particularly well?
- In your view, what are the key challenges associated with preventing or reducing social isolation and loneliness amongst older people?
- In your opinion, what more can be done, if anything, to prevent or reduce the impact of social isolation and loneliness?
- Are there any other issues, in relation to the review, that you wish to raise with the Committee?