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Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 1:07 PM

To: Samantha Berger

Subject: RE: Public sector Equality Duty: Specific duties policy review listening event

Dear Samantha,

This is terribly short notice for such an important issue and sadly no one from DA will be able to attend. This is very disappointing.

I hope the poor practice in notification of the meeting does not reflect the importance with which the duty is being considered. Disability Alliance is very disappointed to note the loss of implementing various aspects of the Equality Act (including the socio-economic duty) and fears the watering down of 'involvement' of disabled people will also risk increasing disability poverty and social exclusion.

I am therefore very sorry no one is able to attend tomorrow's meeting.

Best wishes,

Neil