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INFORMING CHOICES NI WELCOME REFORM OF RELATIONSHIPS AND SEXUALITY EDUCATION CURRICULUM

Informing Choices NI (ICNI) have today welcomed the news that the UK Government will update the curriculum on Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) in Northern Ireland.

Commenting on the announcement Ruairi Rowan, ICNI's Director of Advocacy and Policy, said:

"ICNI welcome the steps taken today by the Secretary of State to embed reproductive rights and choices within the RSE curriculum.

"It is our experience that young people want to discuss these issues; however, many have received poor RSE which has left them unaware of their reproductive choices and unprepared when forming relationships.

"Going forward it is vital that we support teachers to provide comprehensive and scientifically accurate information on sexual and reproductive health and rights which meets the needs of young people.

"Providing this information within the RSE curriculum will assist in dispelling myths surrounding abortion, challenge the stigma that exists, and equip our young people with the education and support they need to make informed choices."

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