

**Equality Commission**

FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

**List of Public Authorities designated for the purposes of section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998**

February 2025

Set out below is a list of public authorities designated for the purposes of Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (the Act), as at March 2024. Such designated public authorities are subject to the statutory duties set out in Section 75 (1) and (2) of the Act to have

- due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity in relation to the nine equality categories<sup>1</sup> and
- to have regard to the desirability of promoting good relations between persons of different religious belief; political opinion; and racial group.

Unless otherwise exempt, designated public authorities will have an equality scheme, approved by the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland, showing how they propose to fulfil the duties imposed by Section 75 in relation to their relevant functions.

A scheme shall state, in particular, the authority's arrangements:

- (a) for assessing its compliance with the duties under section 75 and for consulting on matters to which a duty under that section is likely to be relevant (including details of the persons to be consulted);
- (b) for assessing and consulting on the likely impact of policies adopted or proposed to be adopted by the authority on the promotion of equality of opportunity;
- (c) for monitoring any adverse impact of policies adopted by the authority on the promotion of equality of opportunity;
- (d) for publishing the results of such assessments as are mentioned in paragraph (b) and such monitoring as is mentioned in paragraph (c);
- (e) for training staff;
- (f) for ensuring, and assessing, public access to information and to services provided by the authority.

A scheme shall:

- (a) conform to any guidelines as to form or content which are issued by the Commission with the approval of the Secretary of State;
- (b) specify a timetable for measures proposed in the scheme; and
- (c) include details of how it will be published.

<sup>1</sup> Between persons of different religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, marital status or sexual orientation; between men and women generally; between persons with a disability and persons without; and between persons with dependants and persons without.

Copies of equality schemes are available from each public authority.

| <b>Public Authority</b>  | <b>Approval<br/>(Exemption)</b> |
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| 1. ABBEYFIELD AND WESLEY HOUSING ASSOCIATION LTD                                   | 28/11/12                        |
| 2. AGRI-FOOD AND BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE   | 27/02/13                        |
| 3. ALPHA HOUSING (NI) LTD  | 24/04/13                        |
| 4. ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBAY BOROUGH COUNCIL   | 25/03/15                        |
| 5. ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBAY POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP               | 24/10/18                        |
| 6. APEX HOUSING ASSOCIATION  | 26/06/13                        |
| 7. APPEAL OFFICER FOR COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANIES                                 | (E28/09/16)                     |
| 8. ARDS AND NORTH DOWN POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP                   | 24/10/18                        |
| 9. ARK HOUSING ASSOCIATION (NI) LTD  | 27/02/13                        |
| 10. ARMAGH CITY, BANBRIDGE AND CRAIGAVON DISTRICT COUNCIL                          | 25/03/15                        |
| 11. ARMAGH CITY, BANBRIDGE AND CRAIGAVON POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP | 24/10/18                        |
| 12. ARTS COUNCIL OF NORTHERN IRELAND   | 27/02/13                        |
| 13. BELFAST DISTRICT AND CITY COUNCIL  | 25/03/15                        |
| 14. BELFAST HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS  | 27/02/13                        |
| 15. BELFAST HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST   | 24/08/11                        |
| 16. BELFAST POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP                              | 28/11/18                        |
| 17. BELFAST, EAST DISTRICT POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP               | 28/11/18                        |
| 18. BELFAST, NORTH DISTRICT POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP              | 28/11/18                        |
| 19. BELFAST, SOUTH DISTRICT POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP              | 28/11/18                        |
| 20. BELFAST, WEST DISTRICT POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP               | 28/11/18                        |
| 21. BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES OF NORTHERN IRELAND    | 13/12/13                        |
| 22. BRITISH COUNCIL, THE   | 13/12/13                        |
| 23. BRITISH LIBRARY, THE   | (E24/01/18)                     |
| 24. BRITISH WOOL MARKETING BOARD   | (E22/08/12)                     |
| 25. CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS BOROUGH COUNCIL                                       | 25/03/15                        |
| 26. CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP             | 24/01/18                        |

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| 27. CHARITY COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND                           | 24/04/13     |
| 28. CHIEF CONSTABLE OF THE POLICE SERVICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND         | 26/09/12     |
| 29. CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER FOR NORTHERN IRELAND                      | 25/07/12     |
| 30. CHIEF INSPECTOR OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN NORTHERN IRELAND           | 28/03/12     |
| 31. CHOICE HOUSING IRELAND LTD  | 26/09/12     |
| 32. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONERS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND                  | 25/07/12     |
| 33. CLANMIL HOUSING ASSOCIATION LTD                                   | 27/02/13     |
| 34. COLERAINE HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS                                   | (E28/09/16)  |
| 35. COMMISSION FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND         | 23/05/12     |
| 36. COMMISSIONER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND   | 22/06/11     |
| 37. COMMISSIONER FOR OLDER PEOPLE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND                | 24/04/13     |
| 38. COMMISSIONER FOR SURVIVORS OF INSTITUTIONAL CHILDHOOD ABUSE       | 22/01/25     |
| 39. CONNSWATER HOMES LTD  | 28/11/12     |
| 40. CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD                              | 25/01/12     |
| 41. COUNCIL FOR CATHOLIC MAINTAINED SCHOOLS                           | 28/03/12     |
| 42. COVENANTER RESIDENTIAL HOUSING ASSOCIATION                        | (E/22/08/12) |
| 43. CRAIGOWEN HOUSING ASSOCIATION                                     | (E15/12/04)  |
| 44. DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES  | 13/12/13     |
| 45. DEPARTMENT FOR DIGITAL, CULTURE, MEDIA AND SPORT                  | P19/11/03    |
| 46. DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE                                     | 22/06/11     |
| 47. DEPARTMENT FOR THE ECONOMY  | 25/01/12     |
| 48. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT & RURAL AFFAIRS            | 04/10/11     |
| 49. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION   | 25/09/13     |
| 50. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE   | 25/01/12     |
| 51. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  | 28/03/12     |
| 52. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE   | 28/03/12     |
| 53. DERRY AND STRABANE DISTRICT COUNCIL                               | 24/05/17     |
| 54. DERRY CITY AND STRABANE POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP | 28/11/18     |
| 55. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS                                   | 28/03/12     |
| 56. EDUCATION AUTHORITY   | 24/02/16     |
| 57. ELECTORAL COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND                         | 22/08/22     |

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| 58. EXPORTS CREDIT GUARANTEE DEPARTMENT                                  | (E15/03/01) |
| 59. FERMANAGH AND OMAGH DISTRICT COUNCIL                                 | 22/02/17    |
| 60. FERMANAGH AND OMAGH POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP        | 24/01/18    |
| 61. FOOD SAFETY PROMOTION  | 24/08/11    |
| 62. GENERAL CONSUMER COUNCIL FOR NORTHERN IRELAND                        | 18/11/11    |
| 63. GENERAL TEACHING COUNCIL FOR NORTHERN IRELAND                        | 28/11/18    |
| 64. GEORGE CROSS FOUNDATION  | (E22/06/11) |
| 65. GOVERNING BODY OF BELFAST METROPOLITAN COLLEGE                       | 25/01/12    |
| 66. GOVERNING BODY OF NORTH WEST REGIONAL COLLEGE                        | 25/01/12    |
| 67. GOVERNING BODY OF NORTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE                          | 25/01/12    |
| 68. GOVERNING BODY OF SOUTH EASTERN REGIONAL COLLEGE                     | 25/01/12    |
| 69. GOVERNING BODY OF SOUTH WEST COLLEGE                                 | 25/01/12    |
| 70. GOVERNING BODY OF SOUTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE                          | 25/01/12    |
| 71. GOVERNING BODY OF STRANMILLIS COLLEGE, BELFAST                       | 23/05/12    |
| 72. GROVE HOUSING ASSOCIATION  | 28/11/12    |
| 73. HABINTEG HOUSING ASSOCIATION   | 28/11/12    |
| 74. HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND                     | 24/04/13    |
| 75. HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE REGULATION AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY  | 24/08/11    |
| 76. HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE REDRESS BOARD                         | 24/11/21    |
| 77. HM REVENUE AND CUSTOMS   | 24/10/18    |
| 78. INDEPENDENT COMMISSION FOR RECONCILIATION AND INFORMATION RECOVERY   |             |
| 79. INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL REVIEW   | (E23/05/12) |
| 80. INDEPENDENT MONITORING AUTHORITY FOR THE CITIZENS' RIGHTS AGREEMENTS | 24/11/21    |
| 81. INFORMATION COMMISSIONER   | 13/12/13    |
| 82. INTERTRADEIRELAND  | 25/07/12    |
| 83. INVEST NORTHERN IRELAND  | 25/07/12    |
| 84. LABOUR RELATIONS AGENCY  | 23/05/12    |
| 85. LISBURN AND CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL                                 | 25/03/15    |
| 86. LISBURN AND CASTLEREAGH POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP    | 24/01/18    |
| 87. LIVESTOCK AND MEAT COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND                   | (E24/01/18) |
| 88. LOCAL GOVERNMENT STAFF COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND               | 25/07/12    |

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| 89. LONDONDERRY PORT AND HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS                               | 26/06/13 |
| 90. LOUGHS AGENCY  | 27/02/13 |
| 91. MAZE/LONG KESH DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION                                   | 13/12/13 |
| 92. MID AND EAST ANTRIM DISTRICT COUNCIL                                     | 25/03/15 |
| 93. MID AND EAST ANTRIM POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP            | 24/01/18 |
| 94. MID ULSTER DISTRICT COUNCIL  | 23/11/16 |
| 95. MID ULSTER POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP                     | 24/10/18 |
| 96. NATIONAL HERITAGE MEMORIAL FUND, THE                                     | 28/11/12 |
| 97. NEWINGTON HOUSING ASSOCIATION  | 27/02/13 |
| 98. NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL                                   | 25/03/15 |
| 99. NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP          | 28/11/18 |
| 100. NORTH BELFAST HOUSING ASSOCIATION LTD                                   | 28/11/12 |
| 101. NORTH DOWN AND ARDS DISTRICT COUNCIL                                    | 25/03/15 |
| 102. NORTH/SOUTH LANGUAGE BODY, THE  | 13/12/13 |
| 103. NORTHERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST                                   | 22/06/11 |
| 104. NORTHERN IRELAND AMBULANCE SERVICE                                      | 22/06/11 |
| 105. NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY COMMISSION                                    | 28/03/12 |
| 106. NORTHERN IRELAND AUDIT OFFICE   | 18/11/11 |
| 107. NORTHERN IRELAND AUTHORITY FOR UTILITY REGULATION                       | 25/07/12 |
| 108. NORTHERN IRELAND BLOOD TRANSFUSION                                      | 24/08/11 |
| 109. NORTHERN IRELAND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL                            | 24/10/18 |
| 110. NORTHERN IRELAND CO-OWNERSHIP   | 26/09/12 |
| 111. NORTHERN IRELAND COUNCIL FOR THE CURRICULUM EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENT | 18/11/11 |
| 112. NORTHERN IRELAND FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE BOARD                          | 24/08/11 |
| 113. NORTHERN IRELAND FISHERY HARBOUR AUTHORITY                              | 27/02/13 |
| 114. NORTHERN IRELAND GUARDIAN AD LITEM AGENCY                               | 24/08/11 |
| 115. NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING EXECUTIVE                                      | 24/04/13 |
| 116. NORTHERN IRELAND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION                                | 13/12/13 |
| 117. NORTHERN IRELAND LAW COMMISSION   | 24/04/13 |
| 118. NORTHERN IRELAND LIBRARY AUTHORITY                                      | 18/11/11 |

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| 119. NORTHERN IRELAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICERS' SUPERANNUATION COMMITTEE      | 25/07/12    |
| 120. NORTHERN IRELAND MEDICAL AND DENTAL TRAINING AGENCY                       | 24/08/11    |
| 121. NORTHERN IRELAND MUSEUMS COUNCIL  | 24/04/13    |
| 122. NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE   | 13/12/13    |
| 123. NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD, THE                                      | 25/07/12    |
| 124. NORTHERN IRELAND POLICE FUND  | (E22/06/11) |
| 125. NORTHERN IRELAND PRACTICE AND EDUCATION COUNCIL FOR NURSING AND MIDWIFERY | 24/08/11    |
| 126. NORTHERN IRELAND SCREEN   | 24/04/13    |
| 127. NORTHERN IRELAND SOCIAL CARE COUNCIL                                      | 24/08/11    |
| 128. NORTHERN IRELAND TOURIST BOARD  | 27/02/13    |
| 129. NORTHERN IRELAND TRANSPORT HOLDING COMPANY                                | 27/02/13    |
| 130. OFCOM   | 13/12/13    |
| 131. OFFICE OF THE CERTIFICATION OFFICER NORTHERN IRELAND                      | (E22/08/12) |
| 132. OFFICE OF THE QUALIFICATIONS AND EXAMINATIONS REGULATOR                   | (E28/09/16) |
| 133. OPEN UNIVERSITY IN IRELAND, THE   | 26/06/13    |
| 134. PATIENT AND CLIENT COUNCIL  | 22/06/11    |
| 135. POLICE OMBUDSMAN FOR NORTHERN   | 25/01/12    |
| 136. POLICE REHABILITATION AND RETRAINING TRUST                                | 24/01/18    |
| 137. PROBATION BOARD FOR NORTHERN IRELAND                                      | 28/03/12    |
| 138. QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY OF BELFAST, THE  | 23/05/12    |
| 139. RADIUS HOUSING ASSOCIATION  | 28/11/18    |
| 140. REGIONAL AGENCY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING                   | 18/11/11    |
| 141. REGIONAL BUSINESS SERVICES ORGANISATION                                   | 22/06/11    |
| 142. REGULATOR OF COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANIES                                 | (E28/09/16) |
| 143. RURAL HOUSING ASSOCIATION   | 28/11/12    |
| 144. SAFEGUARDING BOARD  | 25/09/13    |
| 145. SOUTH EASTERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST                                | 24/08/11    |
| 146. ARBOUR HOUSING  | 26/09/12    |
| 147. SOUTHERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST                                     | 24/08/11    |

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| 148. SPECIAL EU PROGRAMMES BODY, THE         | 04/10/11 |
| 149. SPORTS COUNCIL FOR NORTHERN IRELAND     | 24/04/13 |
| 150. ST MARY'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE            | 23/05/12 |
| 151. ST MATTHEW'S HOUSING ASSOCIATION        | 28/11/12 |
| 152. STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD LTD          | 27/02/13 |
| 153. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE                    | 25/09/13 |
| 154. TRIANGLE HOUSING ASSOCIATION LTD        | 27/02/13 |
| 155. ULSTER SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT LTD         | 04/10/11 |
| 156. UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER                    | 23/05/12 |
| 157. WARRENPOINT HARBOUR AUTHORITY           | 27/02/13 |
| 158. WATERWAYS IRELAND                       | 24/04/13 |
| 159. WESTERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST    | 24/08/11 |
| 160. WOODVALE AND SHANKILL COMMUNITY HOUSING | 24/04/13 |
| 161. YOUTH COUNCIL FOR NORTHERN IRELAND      | 04/10/11 |