

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

September 2026

Set out below is a list of public authorities designated for the purposes of Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (the Act). 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 categories¹ and
- to have regard to the desirability of promoting good relations between persons of different religious belief; political opinion; and racial group.

Unless otherwise exempt², 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.

¹ 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.

² Date of exemption is marked in brackets and preceded with E, for example (E01/05/2020).

Copies of equality schemes are available from each public authority.

Public Authority	Approval (Exemption)
1. Abbeyfield & Wesley Housing Association Ltd	28/11/12
2. Agri-Food & Biosciences Institute	27/02/13
3. Alpha Housing (NI) Ltd	24/04/13
4. Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	25/03/15
5. Antrim & Newtownabbey Policing & 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 & North Down Policing & Community Safety Partnership	24/10/18
9. Ark Housing Association (NI) Ltd	27/02/13
10. Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon District Council	25/03/15
11. Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Policing & Community Safety Partnership	24/10/18
12. Arts Council of Northern Ireland	27/02/13
13. Belfast District & City Council	25/03/15
14. Belfast Harbour Commissioners	27/02/13
15. Belfast Health & Social Care Trust	24/08/11
16. Belfast Policing & Community Safety Partnership	28/11/18
17. Belfast, East District Policing & Community Safety Partnership	28/11/18
18. Belfast, North District Policing & Community Safety Partnership	28/11/18
19. Belfast, South District Policing & Community Safety Partnership	28/11/18
20. Belfast, West District Policing & Community Safety Partnership	28/11/18
21. Board of Trustees of the National Museums & Galleries of Northern	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 & Glens Borough Council	25/03/15
26. Causeway Coast & Glens Policing & Community Safety Partnership	24/01/18
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 & Survivors for Northern Ireland	23/05/12
36. Commissioner for Children & 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. Commissioner for the Ulster Scots & the Ulster British Tradition	TBC
40. Construction Industry Training Board	25/01/12
41. Council for Catholic Maintained Schools	28/03/12
42. Covenanter Residential Housing Association	(E22/08/12)
43. Craigowen Housing Association	(E15/12/04)

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44.	Department for Communities	13/12/13
45.	Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport	19/11/03
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 & Strabane District Council	24/05/17
54.	Derry City & Strabane Policing & Community Safety Partnership	28/11/18
55.	Director of Public Prosecutions	28/03/12
56.	Education Authority for Northern Ireland	24/02/16
57.	Electoral Commission for Northern Ireland	22/08/22
58.	Exports Credit Guarantee Department	(E15/03/01)
59.	Fermanagh & Omagh District Council	22/02/17
60.	Fermanagh & Omagh Policing & 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 & Safety Executive for Northern Ireland	24/04/13
75.	Health & Social Care Regulation & Quality Improvement Authority	24/08/11
76.	Historical Institutional Abuse Redress Board	24/11/21
77.	HM Revenue & Customs	24/10/18
78.	Independent Commission for Reconciliation & Information	27/05/25
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.	Irish Language Commissioner	TBC

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85.	Labour Relations Agency	23/05/12
86.	Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council	25/03/15
87.	Lisburn & Castlereagh Policing & Community Safety Partnership	24/01/18
88.	Livestock & Meat Commission for Northern Ireland	(E24/01/18)
89.	Local Government Staff Commission for Northern Ireland	25/07/12
90.	Londonderry Port & Harbour Commissioners	26/06/13
91.	Loughs Agency	27/02/13
92.	Maze/Long Kesh Development Corporation	13/12/13
93.	Mid & East Antrim District Council	25/03/15
94.	Mid & East Antrim Policing & Community Safety Partnership	24/01/18
95.	Mid Ulster District Council	23/11/16
96.	Mid Ulster Policing & Community Safety Partnership	24/10/18
97.	National Heritage Memorial Fund, The	28/11/12
98.	Newington Housing Association	27/02/13
99.	Newry Mourne & Down District Council	25/03/15
100.	Newry Mourne & Down Policing & Community Safety Partnership	28/11/18
101.	North Belfast Housing Association Ltd	28/11/12
102.	North Down & Ards District Council	25/03/15
103.	North/South Language Body, The	13/12/13
104.	Northern Health & Social Care Trust	22/06/11
105.	Northern Ireland Ambulance Service	22/06/11
106.	Northern Ireland Assembly Commission	28/03/12
107.	Northern Ireland Audit Office	18/11/11
108.	Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation	25/07/12
109.	Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion	24/08/11
110.	Northern Ireland Community Relations Council	24/10/18
111.	Northern Ireland Co-Ownership	26/09/12
112.	Northern Ireland Council for the Curriculum Examinations & Assessment	18/11/11
113.	Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service Board	24/08/11
114.	Northern Ireland Fishery Harbour Authority	27/02/13
115.	Northern Ireland Guardian Ad Litem Agency	24/08/11
116.	Northern Ireland Housing Executive	24/04/13
117.	Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission	13/12/13
118.	Northern Ireland Law Commission	24/04/13
119.	Northern Ireland Library Authority	18/11/11
120.	Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation	25/07/12
121.	Northern Ireland Medical & Dental Training Agency	24/08/11
122.	Northern Ireland Museums Council	24/04/13
123.	Northern Ireland Office	13/12/13
124.	Northern Ireland Policing Board, The	25/07/12
125.	Northern Ireland Police Fund	(E22/06/11)
126.	Northern Ireland Practice & Education Council for Nursing & Midwifery	24/08/11

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127. Northern Ireland Screen	24/04/13
128. Northern Ireland Social Care Council	24/08/11
129. Northern Ireland Tourist Board	27/02/13
130. Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company	27/02/13
131. OFCOM	13/12/13
132. Office of Identity & Cultural Expression	TBC
133. Office of the Certification Officer Northern Ireland	(E22/08/12)
134. Office of the Qualifications & Examinations Regulator	(E28/09/16)
135. Open University In Ireland, The	26/06/13
136. Patient & Client Council	22/06/11
137. Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland	25/01/12
138. Police Rehabilitation & Retraining Trust	24/01/18
139. Probation Board for Northern Ireland	28/03/12
140. Queen's University of Belfast, The	23/05/12
141. Radius Housing Association	28/11/18
142. Regional Agency for Public Health & Social Well-Being	18/11/11
143. Regional Business Services Organisation	22/06/11
144. Regulator of Community Interest Companies	(E28/09/16)
145. Rural Housing Association	28/11/12
146. Safeguarding Board	25/09/13
147. South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust	24/08/11
148. Arbour Housing	26/09/12
149. Southern Health & Social Care Trust	24/08/11
150. Special EU Programmes Body, The	04/10/11
151. Sports Council for Northern Ireland	24/04/13
152. St Mary's University College	23/05/12
153. St Matthew's Housing Association	28/11/12
154. Strategic Investment Board Ltd	27/02/13
155. The Executive Office	25/09/13
156. Triangle Housing Association Ltd	27/02/13
157. Ulster Supported Employment Ltd	04/10/11
158. University of Ulster	23/05/12
159. Warrenpoint Harbour Authority	27/02/13
160. Waterways Ireland	24/04/13
161. Western Health & Social Care Trust	24/08/11
162. Woodvale & Shankill Community Housing	24/04/13
163. Youth Council for Northern Ireland	04/10/11