

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

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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) |
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| 1. | Abbeyfield & Wesley Housing Association Ltd | 28/11/2012 |
| 2. | Agri-Food & Biosciences Institute | 27/02/2013 |
| 3. | Alpha Housing (NI) Ltd | 24/04/2013 |
| 4. | Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council | 25/03/2015 |
| 5. | Antrim & Newtownabbey PCSP | 24/10/2018 |
| 6. | Apex Housing Association | 26/06/2013 |
| 7. | Appeal Officer for Community Interest Companies | (E28/09/16) |
| 8. | Arbour Housing (formerly South Ulster Housing Association) | 26/09/2012 |
| 9. | Ards & North Down District Council | 25/03/2015 |
| 10. | Ards & North Down PCSP | 24/10/2018 |
| 11. | Ark Housing Association (NI) Ltd | 27/02/2013 |
| 12. | Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council | 25/03/2015 |
| 13. | Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP | 24/10/2018 |
| 14. | Arts Council of Northern Ireland | 27/02/2013 |
| 15. | Belfast District & City Council | 25/03/2015 |
| 16. | Belfast Harbour Commissioners | 27/02/2013 |
| 17. | Belfast Health & Social Care Trust | 24/11/2011 |
| 18. | Belfast PCSP | 28/11/2018 |
| 19. | Belfast, East DPCSP | 28/11/2018 |
| 20. | Belfast, North DPCSP | 28/11/2018 |
| 21. | Belfast, South DPCSP | 28/11/2018 |
| 22. | Belfast, West DPCSP | 28/11/2018 |
| 23. | Board of Trustees of the National Museums & Galleries of Northern | 13/12/2013 |
| 24. | British Council, The | 13/12/2013 |
| 25. | British Library, The | (E24/01/18) |
| 26. | British Wool Marketing Board, The | (E22/08/12) |
| 27. | Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council | 25/03/2015 |
| 28. | Causeway Coast & Glens PCSP | 24/01/2018 |
| 29. | Charity Commission for Northern Ireland | 24/04/2013 |
| 30. | Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland | 26/09/2012 |
| 31. | Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland | 25/07/2012 |
| 32. | Chief Inspector of Criminal Justice | 28/03/2012 |
| 33. | Children's Court Guardian Agency for Northern Ireland (Northern Ireland | 24/11/2011 |
| 34. | Choice Housing Ireland Ltd | 26/09/2012 |
| 35. | Civil Service Commissioners for Northern Ireland | 25/07/2012 |
| 36. | Clanmil Housing Association | 27/02/2013 |
| 37. | Coleraine Harbour Commissioners | (E28/09/16) |
| 38. | Commission for Victims & Survivors for Northern Ireland | 23/05/2012 |
| 39. | Commissioner for Children & Young People for Northern Ireland | 22/06/2011 |
| 40. | Commissioner for Older People | 24/04/2013 |
| 41. | Commissioner for Survivors of Institutional Childhood Abuse | 22/01/2025 |
| 42. | Commissioner for the Ulster Scots & the Ulster British Tradition | TBC |
| 43. | Connswater Homes Ltd | 28/11/2012 |
| 44. | Construction Industry Training Board | 25/01/2012 |
| 45. | Council for Catholic Maintained Schools | 28/03/2012 |

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| 46. | Covenanter Residential Association | (E22/08/12) |
| 47. | Craigowen Housing Association | (E15/12/04) |
| 48. | Department for Communities | 13/12/2013 |
| 49. | Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport | 26/05/2025 |
| 50. | Department for Infrastructure | 22/06/2011 |
| 51. | Department for the Economy | 25/01/2012 |
| 52. | Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs | 04/10/2011 |
| 53. | Department of Education | 25/09/2013 |
| 54. | Department of Finance | 25/01/2012 |
| 55. | Department of Health | 28/03/2012 |
| 56. | Department of Justice | 28/03/2012 |
| 57. | Derry City & Strabane District Council | 24/05/2017 |
| 58. | Derry City & Strabane PCSP | 28/11/2018 |
| 59. | Director of Public Prosecutions | 28/03/2012 |
| 60. | Education Authority | 24/02/2016 |
| 61. | Electoral Commission for Northern Ireland | 22/08/2022 |
| 62. | Executive Office, The | 25/09/2013 |
| 63. | Export Credits Guarantee Department | (E15/03/01) |
| 64. | Fermanagh & Omagh District Council | 22/02/2017 |
| 65. | Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP | 24/01/2018 |
| 66. | Food Safety Promotion | 24/08/2011 |
| 67. | General Consumer Council | 18/11/2011 |
| 68. | General Teaching Council | 28/11/2018 |
| 69. | George Cross Foundation | (E22/06/11) |
| 70. | Governing Body of Belfast Metropolitan College | 25/01/2012 |
| 71. | Governing Body of North West Regional College | 25/01/2012 |
| 72. | Governing Body of Northern Regional College | 25/01/2012 |
| 73. | Governing Body of South Eastern Regional College | 25/01/2012 |
| 74. | Governing Body of South West Regional College | 25/01/2012 |
| 75. | Governing Body of Southern Regional College | 25/01/2012 |
| 76. | Governing Body of Stranmillis University College | 23/05/2012 |
| 77. | Grove Housing Association | 28/11/2012 |
| 78. | Health & Safety Executive for Northern Ireland | 24/04/2013 |
| 79. | Historical Institutional Abuse Redress Board | 24/11/2021 |
| 80. | HM Revenue & Customs | 24/10/2018 |
| 81. | Independent Commission for Reconciliation & Information Recovery | 27/05/2025 |
| 82. | Independent Financial Review Authority | (E23/05/12) |
| 83. | Independent Monitoring Authority for the Citizens' Rights Agreements | 24/11/2021 |
| 84. | Information Commissioner | 13/12/2013 |
| 85. | IntertradeIreland | 25/07/2012 |
| 86. | Invest Northern Ireland | 25/07/2012 |
| 87. | Irish Language Commissioner | TBC |
| 88. | Labour Relations Agency | 23/05/2012 |
| 89. | Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council | 25/03/2015 |
| 90. | Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP | 24/01/2018 |

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| 91. | Livestock & Meat Commission | (E24/01/18) |
| 92. | Local Government Staff Commission | 25/07/2012 |
| 93. | Londonderry Port & Harbour Commissioners | 26/06/2013 |
| 94. | Loughs Agency | 27/02/2013 |
| 95. | Maze Long Kesh Development Corporation | 13/12/2013 |
| 96. | Mid & East Antrim District Council | 25/03/2015 |
| 97. | Mid & East Antrim PCSP | 24/01/2018 |
| 98. | Mid Ulster District Council | 23/11/2016 |
| 99. | Mid Ulster PCSP | 24/10/2018 |
| 100. | National Heritage Memorial Fund | 28/11/2012 |
| 101. | Newington Housing Association | 27/02/2013 |
| 102. | Newry, Mourne & Down District Council | 25/03/2015 |
| 103. | Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP | 28/11/2018 |
| 104. | North Belfast Housing Association Ltd | 28/11/2012 |
| 105. | North/South Language Body | 26/11/2025 |
| 106. | Northern Health & Social Care Trust | 22/06/2011 |
| 107. | Northern Ireland Ambulance Service | 22/06/2011 |
| 108. | Northern Ireland Assembly Commission | 28/03/2012 |
| 109. | Northern Ireland Audit Office | 18/11/2011 |
| 110. | Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation | 25/07/2012 |
| 111. | Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service | 24/11/2011 |
| 112. | Northern Ireland Community Relations Council | 24/10/2018 |
| 113. | Northern Ireland Co-Ownership Housing Association | 26/09/2012 |
| 114. | Northern Ireland Council for the Curriculum Examinations & Assessment | 18/11/2011 |
| 115. | Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue | 24/11/2011 |
| 116. | Northern Ireland Fishery Harbour Authority | 27/02/2013 |
| 117. | Northern Ireland Housing Executive | 24/04/2013 |
| 118. | Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission | 13/12/2013 |
| 119. | Northern Ireland Law Commission | 24/04/2013 |
| 120. | Northern Ireland Library Authority | 18/11/2011 |
| 121. | Northern Ireland Local Government Superannuation Committee | 25/07/2012 |
| 122. | Northern Ireland Medical & Dental Training Agency | 24/11/2011 |
| 123. | Northern Ireland Museums Council | 24/04/2013 |
| 124. | Northern Ireland Office | 13/12/2013 |
| 125. | Northern Ireland Police Fund | (E22/06/11) |
| 126. | Northern Ireland Policing Board, The | 25/07/2012 |
| 127. | Northern Ireland Practice & Education Council for Nursing & Midwifery | 24/11/2011 |
| 128. | Northern Ireland Screen | 24/04/2013 |
| 129. | Northern Ireland Social Care Council | 24/11/2011 |
| 130. | Northern Ireland Tourist Board | 27/02/2013 |
| 131. | Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company | 27/02/2013 |
| 132. | OFCOM | 13/12/2013 |
| 133. | Office of Identity & Cultural Expression | TBC |
| 134. | Office of the Certification Officer | (E22/08/12) |
| 135. | Office of the Qualifications & Examinations Regulator | (E28/09/16) |

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| 136. Open University in Ireland, The | 26/06/2013 |
| 137. Patient & Client Council | 22/06/2011 |
| 138. Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland | 25/01/2012 |
| 139. Police Rehabilitation & Retraining Trust | 24/01/2018 |
| 140. Probation Board for Northern Ireland | 28/03/2012 |
| 141. Queen's University Belfast | 23/05/2012 |
| 142. Radius Housing | 28/11/2018 |
| 143. Regional Agency for Public Health & Social Well Being | 18/11/2011 |
| 144. Regional Business Services Organisation | 22/06/2011 |
| 145. Regulation & Quality Improvement Authority, The | 24/11/2011 |
| 146. Regulator of Community Interest Companies | (E28/09/16) |
| 147. Rural Housing Association | 28/11/2012 |
| 148. Safeguarding Board | 25/09/2013 |
| 149. South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust | 24/11/2011 |
| 150. Southern Health & Social Care Trust | 24/11/2011 |
| 151. Special EU Programmes Body | 04/10/2011 |
| 152. Sports Council for Northern Ireland | 24/04/2013 |
| 153. St Mary's University College | 23/05/2012 |
| 154. St Matthew's Housing Association | 28/11/2012 |
| 155. Strategic Investment Board | 27/02/2013 |
| 156. Triangle Housing Association | 27/02/2013 |
| 157. Ulster Supported Employment Limited | 04/10/2011 |
| 158. University of Ulster | 23/05/2012 |
| 159. Warrenpoint Harbour Authority | 27/02/2013 |
| 160. Waterways Ireland | 24/04/2013 |
| 161. Western Health & Social Care Trust | 24/11/2011 |
| 162. Woodvale & Shankill Community Housing Association | 24/04/2013 |
| 163. Woven Housing Association (formerly Habinteg) | 28/11/2012 |
| 164. Youth Council for Northern Ireland | 04/10/2011 |