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The Discretionary Support Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

**PART 8**

Reviews

**Reviews and further reviews**

**25.**—(1) The Department may establish procedures for reviewing a person's entitlement to a discretionary support award under these Regulations.

(2) The procedures established under paragraph (1) must—

- (a) provide for a review to be carried out on the application of any claimant; and
- (b) provide for the manner of making such an application.

(3) Such procedures may, in particular, provide for—

- (a) the need to take account of any general guidance issued by the Department;
- (b) the consideration of the claimant's entitlement to a discretionary support award by a discretionary support officer;
- (c) the further consideration of the claimant's entitlement to a discretionary support award by a discretionary support inspector, following consideration by a discretionary support officer;
- (d) the time limits to be applied to an application for a review of a determination;
- (e) the information a discretionary support officer or a discretionary support inspector can take into account in considering the application;
- (f) the preparation of a report for a claimant setting out the discretionary support officer's or the discretionary support inspector's reasons for their determination and their recommendation as to the manner in which the matter should be finally determined.