

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Northern Ireland Social Care Council (Appointments and Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018

SR 2018 No. 123

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Department of Health to accompany the Statutory Rule (details above) which is laid before the Northern Ireland Assembly.
- 1.2. The Statutory Rule is made under sections 1(4) and 57(3) of, and paragraph 5 to Schedule 1 to the Health and Personal Social Services Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 and is subject to the negative resolution procedure.

2. Purpose

- 2.1. The Statutory Rule amends Regulation 9 of the Northern Ireland Social Care Council (Appointments and Procedure) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 which provides for the meetings and proceedings of the Northern Ireland Social Care Council. The Statutory Rule amends reference to the Northern Ireland Social Care Council to include its Committees and sub-Committees.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Northern Ireland Social Care Council (Appointments and Procedure) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 make provision concerning the membership and procedure of the Northern Ireland Social Care Council and Regulation 9 deals with the conduct of its meetings. Regulation 9 of the Northern Ireland Social Care Council (Appointments and Procedure) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 refer to the Northern Ireland Social Care Council but should include its Committees and sub-Committees. The Statutory Rule seeks to address this by including reference to Committees and sub-Committees.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. The Statutory Rule amends Regulation 9 of the Northern Ireland Social Care Council (Appointments and Procedure) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 to ensure that it reflects the original policy intent. As such, the amendments are considered to be technical in nature and it was decided to hold a two-week, targeted consultation. The consultation ran from 27 April 2018 to 18 May 2018 and attracted a total of 8 responses all of which were supportive of the proposed amendment.

5. Equality Impact

- 5.1. Consideration has been given to compliance with section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. The outcome of the Equality Impact screening on the policy proposals is that no human rights engagements are

anticipated as a result of the policy. A full EQIA was therefore not considered necessary.

6. Regulatory Impact

6.1. Not applicable.

7. Financial Implications

7.1. None.

8. Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998

8.1. These Regulations do not breach Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, as they are not incompatible with any of the Convention rights or community law and they do not discriminate against a person on the grounds of religious belief or political opinion.

9. EU Implications

9.1. Not applicable.

10. Parity or Replicatory Measure

10.1. Not applicable.

11. Additional Information

11.1. Not applicable.