

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WASTE AND CONTAMINATED LAND (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1997

FIT AND PROPER PERSON

**Consultation on amending the Fit and Proper
Person requirements of the Waste Management
Licensing Regime**

**The Waste Management Licensing (Amendment
No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015**

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Under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, the Department is required to have due regard for the need to ensure equality. Accordingly, a screening exercise was carried out to ascertain if the policies contained in this document require a full equality impact assessment. This assessment can be accessed at the above link.

Additionally, a partial Regulatory Impact Assessment was carried out. This can be found in Section 4 of the document. Rural screening was also carried out and the results can be found at Annex 2 to this document.

Timing

The commencement date of this consultation is **23rd July 2015** and it will close on the **22nd October 2015**.

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The proposed legislative changes that are the subject of this consultation relate to Northern Ireland only.

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Introduction

The Waste Framework Directive (the Directive) was first introduced in 1975 and has been amended and updated a number of times since then. However, the key theme of the Directive has always been that waste management is carried out in a way that does not endanger human health or harm the environment - Article 13 of Directive 2008/98/EC¹.

Article 23 of the Directive requires that anyone involved in waste management must have a licence to do so unless they are engaged in specified lower risk activities, in which case they must register an exemption, as provided for by way of Articles 24 and 25 of the Directive.

The Waste and Contaminated Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1997² (the 1997 Order), supported by a number of pieces of subordinate legislation, mostly transposes the requirements of the Waste Framework Directive. The requirement to protect the environment and human health was put in place by way of a number of measures including provisions that allow the Department (as the competent authority) to determine if the person controlling the waste is a fit and proper person to be doing so.

This was enshrined in the law by way of Article 3 of the 1997 Order as follows:-

Meaning of “fit and proper person”

3. — (1) The following provisions apply for the purposes of the discharge by the Department of any function under this Part which requires the Department to determine whether a person is or is not a fit and proper person to hold a waste management licence.

(2) Whether a person is or is not a fit and proper person to hold a licence is to be determined by reference to the carrying on by him of the activities which are or are to be authorised by the licence and the fulfilment of the requirements of the licence.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), a person shall be treated as not being a fit and proper person if it appears to the Department—

(a) that he or another relevant person has been convicted of a prescribed offence;

(b) that the management of the activities which are or are to be authorised by the licence are not or will not be in the hands of a technically competent person; or

(c) that the person who holds or is to hold the licence has not made and either has no intention of making or is in no position to make financial provision adequate to discharge the obligations arising from the licence.

(4) The Department may, if it considers it proper to do so in any particular case, treat a person as a fit and proper person notwithstanding that paragraph (3)(a) applies in his case.

(5) Regulations may prescribe the qualifications and experience required of a person for the purposes of paragraph (3)(b).

(6) For the purposes of paragraph (3)(a), another relevant person shall be treated, in relation to the licence holder or proposed licence holder, as the case may be, as having been convicted of a prescribed offence if—

(a) any person has been convicted of a prescribed offence committed by him in the course of his employment by the holder or, as the case may be, the proposed holder of the licence or in the course of the carrying on of any business by 2 or more persons in partnership one of such persons was the holder or, as the case may be, the proposed holder of the licence;

(b) a body corporate has been convicted of a prescribed offence committed when the holder or, as the case may be, the proposed holder of the licence was a director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of that body corporate; or

(c) where the holder or, as the case may be, the proposed holder of the licence is a body corporate, a person who is a director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of that body corporate—

(i) has been convicted of a prescribed offence; or

¹ <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2008:312:0003:0030:en:PDF>

² SI 1997/2778

(ii) was a director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of another body corporate at a time when a prescribed offence for which that other body corporate has been convicted was committed.

As you can see, the 'Fit and Proper Person' test comprises three main areas:-

- 1) That the person holding the waste management licence must not have been convicted of a prescribed offence;
- 2) that the person managing the waste must be technically competent; and
- 3) that the person holding the licence must have adequate financial provision to discharge the obligations arising from the licence.

The Department previously consulted upon a proposed set of Regulations that amended both the 'prescribed offences' and 'technical competence' elements of the Fit and Proper Person test. However, responses to that consultation indicated that further consideration and changes were necessary and that because of the technicality of the proposed Regulations, these elements should be consulted upon separately. As a result, the Department has revisited its proposals. Draft legislation in relation to the 'technical competence' element has already been consulted upon and is scheduled to be introduced in August 2015.

This consultation deals only with the prescribed offences element of the Fit and Proper Persons test.

For the purposes of this consultation, where appropriate, 'person' can be construed as a body corporate, director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of a body corporate.

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this document is to consult upon the proposed Waste Management Licensing (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015.

2. PRESCRIBED OFFENCES

Background

- 2.1 As detailed above, Article 3(a) of the Waste and Contaminated Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 provides the power for the Department to prescribe offences which may deem that a person may not be considered a fit and proper person to hold a waste management licence.
- 2.2 Accordingly, a number of pieces of subordinate legislation were used to fulfil the requirement of Article 3(3)(a) of the 1997 Order by prescribing the offences which must be taken into account by the Department when determining if the person holding, or applying for, a waste management licence or registering as a waste carrier, broker or dealer is a fit and proper person to do so, vis:-
- The Controlled Waste (Registration of Carriers and Seizure of Vehicles) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999³ (the 1999 Regulations) – Schedule 1; and
 - The Waste Management Licensing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003⁴ (the 2003 Regulations) – regulation 2.
- 2.3 Schedule 1 to the 1999 Regulations and regulation 2 of the 2003 Regulations are both outdated and no longer fit for purpose. Accordingly, the Department is proposing to amend the legislation.
- 2.4 It is widely recognised that the waste industry has, in recent years, been infiltrated by organised criminals and has been used as a cover for a number of illegal activities including money laundering, avoidance of taxes, fuel laundering and the wrongful management of waste, which has been very lucrative for those involved but very harmful to the environment and the Northern Ireland economy.
- 2.5 The offences contained in regulation 2 of the 2003 Regulations are not only out of date, they focus mostly on waste-related offences and do not take account of other offences, which could point to a person not being seen as fit and proper. Therefore, the Department proposes to broaden the spectrum of prescribed offences to take into account other criminal activities such as fraud and theft. Environmental offenders are often guilty of other forms of criminality.
- 2.6 The rationale behind broadening the scope of the prescribed offences is that it will allow the Department to take into account any convictions that provide an insight to the applicant's proven criminal background and indicate if there are any reputational facts about the person applying for a licence that would preclude them from being granted, or from continuing to hold, a licence. The Department must be able to

³ SR 1999 No. 362

⁴ SR 2003 No. 493

make more informed decisions on whether or not the person can be regarded as fit and proper or 'undesirable' as stated in Article 40 of the 1997 Order in relation to waste carriers to ensure that waste is managed in a manner that excludes criminality, encourages legitimate business and protects human health and the environment.

Options

- 2.7 The Department looked at a number of options to deliver the necessary legislative changes in relation to the Fit and Proper Person test.
- 2.8 Option 1 – Do nothing. For the reasons stated earlier, this was not an option.
- 2.9 Option 2 - amend the 1999 Regulations by revoking Schedule 1 and attracting the offences prescribed in the 2003 Regulations. Amend the 2003 Regulations by revoking the current regulation 2 and replacing it with a new regulation 2 which simply introduces a new Schedule to the Regulations, which will list the prescribed offences. This is the Department's preferred option.
- 2.10 Option 3 – develop a stand-alone set of Regulations. This option is not considered the optimum way forward, please see below.
- 2.11 As stated above, the preferred option is Option 2 for the following reasons:
- The proposed new Schedule to the 2003 Regulations will contain all of the offences that the Department believes should be considered when deciding if an applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a waste management licence.
 - Accordingly, the Schedule will contain tables setting out 'Relevant Environmental Offences', 'Relevant Financial Offences' and 'Other Relevant Offences'.
 - This one list of offences will serve a number of pieces of related legislation (including the 1999 Regulations) without needing further consequential amendments.
 - Developing the amending Regulations in the way proposed will make it easier to update the prescribed offences element of the Fit and Proper Persons test as and when necessary, for example, when new relevant offences are created or existing offences are changed, by simply substituting the Schedule with a new up-to-date one. The effect of this will be to enable the Department to keep abreast of changing legal requirements and to apply the Fit and Proper Person principle more efficiently and effectively, based on current and up-to-date legislation, unlike at the present moment.
 - A further advantage of amending regulation 2 of the 2003 Regulations in this way is that it will be easier for the public to locate the list of offences in the Schedule rather than them being 'lost' in the body of the Regulations themselves.
 - The Department is looking at offences as part of its Better Regulation (BR) programme. The proposed Schedule approach would provide the BR team with

an up-to-date Schedule that could be lifted and dropped into their proposed legislation when appropriate.

2.12 Whilst the production of a 'suite' of 'Fit and Proper Person Regulations' sounds attractive, there are a number of factors that the Department believes rules out Option 3 at this time, the key one being:-

- A number of consequential amendments to other pieces of legislation would be required, eg, the Pollution Prevention and Control (Industrial Emissions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013, which attract regulation 2 of the 2003 Regulations. This would make the drafting of the legislation convoluted. It would also require the amendment of several pieces of legislation instead of just two which would delay the timing of the introduction of the changes.

2.13 Accordingly, the Department has chosen Option 2.

Question 1: Do you agree that Option 2 provides the best option for updating the prescribed offences element of the Fit and Proper Person test and that the proposed changes are sufficient to deliver the anticipated outcome? Please explain your answer.

3. IMPACT

3.1 The impact of the broader list of prescribed offences will be minimal on legitimate waste operators but could have a major impact on those with criminal records.

3.2 There are no anticipated increases in costs to the industry associated with the proposed changes.

3.3 The proposed changes do not impact on the human rights of legitimate operators.

Question 2: Do you agree with these impact statements. If not, please explain your answer.

Question 3: Please indicate if you think there are further impacts that have not been considered.

4. LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

4.1 The draft Waste Management Licensing (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 are attached as Annex 1.

Question 4: Do you think the Regulations:

(a) Fully reflect the changes necessary to ensure that the Fit and Proper Person test is fit for purpose under the legislation? Please explain your answer.

(b) Will help to reduce criminality in the waste industry? Please explain your answer.

(c) Will protect the needs of legitimate operators? Please explain your answer.

2012 No.**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION****The Waste Management Licensing (Amendment No.3) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 2015**

Made - - - - - *xx xxxx 2015*

Coming into operation - *xx xxxx 2015*

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 3(3)(a) and 39(2)(a) of the Waste and Contaminated Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1997⁽⁵⁾, makes the following Regulations.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Waste Management Licensing (Amendment No.3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and shall come into operation on xx xxxx 2015.

Amendment of the Controlled Waste (Registration of Carriers and Seizure of Vehicles) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999

2.—(1) The Controlled Waste (Registration of Carriers and Seizure of Vehicles) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999⁽⁶⁾ are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3)—

(2) In regulation 1(2) for the definition of “prescribed offences” substitute—

““prescribed offences” means an offence under regulation 2 of the 2003 Regulations;”.

(3) Schedule 1 is revoked

Amendment of the Waste Management Licensing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003

3.—(1) The Waste Management Licensing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003⁽⁷⁾ are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3)—

(2) For regulation 2 substitute—

“**2.** Schedule 6 has effect to prescribe offences for the purposes of Article 3(3)(a) of the 1997 Order.”.

(3) After Schedule 5 insert—

“SCHEDULE 6

Regulation 2

Prescribed Offences

1. The offences to be regarded as prescribed offences for the purposes of Article 3(3)(a) of the 1997 Order are listed in Tables 1-3—

⁽⁵⁾ S.I. 1997/2778 (N.I. 19) as amended

⁽⁶⁾ S.R. 1999 No.362 relevant amendments S.R. 2003 No. 493, S.R. 2006 No. 280 and S.R. 2011 No. 127

⁽⁷⁾ S.R. 2003 No. 493 as amended

Table 1 – Relevant Environmental Offences

<i>Number</i>	<i>Offence(s)</i>
1.	Articles 33(4) and 36(1) of and paragraph 9 of Schedule 5, paragraph 5 and paragraph 9(2) of Schedule 6 and Part 1, paragraph 14 of Schedule 7 to the Drainage (Northern Ireland) Order 1973
2.	Articles 29 and 72(3) of the Pollution Control and Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 1978
3.	Articles 4, 5(8), 5E(7), 5E(8), 6(7), 12(12), 12(13), 15(5A), 16(4), 18, 21(6), 22(6), 27(5), 28(5), 29(3), 31(2), 38(1), 42, 44(2) and 74 of the Waste and Contaminated Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1997
4.	Articles 7(1), 7(5), 12(3), 19(1), 28(3) and 29(1) of the Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999
5.	Regulations 12(1), 12(2), 12(3) and 12(4) of the Environmental Protection (Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and Other Dangerous Substances) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000
6.	Article 20 of the Environment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
7.	Regulation 12 of the Control of Pollution (Silage, Slurry and Agricultural Fuel Oil) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003
8.	Regulations 31, 42(1) and 42(2) of the End of Life Vehicles Regulations 2003
9.	Regulations 18(1) and 22(1) of and paragraphs 12(1), 12(2), 14(5), 14(7) and 14(8) of Part1 of Schedule 3 to the Waste Management Licensing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003
10.	Regulation 17(1) of the Landfill Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003
11.	Regulations 13(1) and 16(3) of the Water Resources (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005
12.	Regulations 43(1), 43(3) and 43(5) of the Hazardous Waste Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005
13.	Regulation 6(1) of the Radioactive Contaminated Land Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006
14.	Regulations 18(10), 24(1) and 24(2) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (Forestry) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006
15.	Regulation 40 of the Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007
16.	Regulations 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 31, 32, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 52, 53, 54, 55 and 57 of and paragraphs 4 and 5 of Schedule 1 and paragraph 6(3) of Part 1 of Schedule 5 to the Transfrontier Shipment of Waste Regulations 2007
17.	Regulation 42 of the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution by Sewage and Garbage from Ships) Regulations 2008
18.	Regulations 89(1), 89(2), 89(3), 89(4), 89(5) and 89(6) of the Waste Batteries and Accumulators Regulations 2009
19.	Regulations 9, 10, 17, 26 and 27 of the Environmental Liability (Prevention and Remediation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009
20.	Regulations 19(1), 24(3) and 25(3) of the Groundwater Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009
21.	Section 85 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009

22.	Regulation 25 of the Nitrates Action Programme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010
23.	Regulation 24 of the Waste Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011
24.	Articles 42(6), 43(5), 76(9), 85(1), 85(5), 103(1), 109(3), 117(1), 126(1), 126(3), 127(1), 134(1), 134(5), 137(1), 146(9), 147(2), 149(5), 150(12), 152(9), 168(1), 168(6), 172(1), 175(2), 178(2), 178(5), 237(2), 237(3) and 240(3) of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011
25.	Regulations 82(6), 89(10) and 90 of the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2013
26.	Sections 32(1) and 33(1) of the Marine Act (Northern Ireland) 2013
27.	Regulation 36 of the Pollution, Prevention and Control (Industrial Emissions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013”

Table 2 – Relevant Financial Offences

<i>“Number</i>	<i>Offence(s)</i>
1.	Sections 24, 50, 64, 67, 68, 68A, 100, 129, 136, 159, 167, 168, 170, 170A and 170B of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979
2.	Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 of the Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981
3.	Paragraphs 15(1), 15(3), 15(4), 15(5), 15(6) and 15(7) of Part IV of Schedule 5 to the Finance Act 1996
4.	Sections 1, 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 of the Fraud Act 2006”1

Table 3 – Other Relevant Offences

<i>Column header</i>	<i>Offence(s)</i>
1.	Section 114 of the Public Health Act 1878
2.	Sections 1, 8, 9, 10, 11, 17, 18, 21 and 23A of the Theft Act (Northern Ireland) 1969
3.	Sections 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 19, 20, 21 and 23 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971
4.	Sections 24, 24A, 25, 25A, 25B, 26, 26A, 26B and 27 of the Immigration Act 1971
5.	Articles 98(3) and 98(4) of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972
6.	Articles 31(1), 34(1) and 34(2) of the Health and Safety at Work Order 1978
7.	Articles 3, 9(13), 11A(1), 15B(11), 19G(4), 31E, 72(1), 72(2), 73A(4), 81(1), 82, 86(1), 90(4), 91A, 95(2), 96(2), 97(3), 168A(1), 172, 172B, 174(2), 175(2), 180(1), 180(4) and 180(6) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981
8.	Sections 20A(1), 20A(1A), 24(2A), 24(2B), 86A(3), 90(1), 90(3) and 91(1) of and paragraph 6(10) of Schedule 6 and paragraph 5 of Schedule 10 to the Criminal Justice Act 1991
9.	Sections 49, 50, 51, 52, 53 and 58 of the Drug Trafficking Act 1994
10.	Sections 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21A, 21D, 54, 56, 57, 58, 58A, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 63A, 63B, 63C, 63D, 87, 89, 93, 94, 95, 96, 103 and 116 of and paragraphs 3(7), 14(1), 15(4), 16(3), 19(7), 20(6) and 32(3) of Schedule 5, paragraphs 1(3) and 8(2) of Schedule 6, paragraph 18 of Schedule 7 and paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 6(3), 15(1) and 16(3) of Schedule 13 to the Terrorism Act 2000

11.	Sections 327, 328, 329, 330, 331 and 332 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002
12.	Articles 3, 6(6), 10(3), 13(2), 15(10), 16(2), 21(4), 24, 27(6), 30(1), 35(9), 36(3), 37(4), 38(7), 39(3), 40(4), 41(5), 42(4), 43(5), 44(6), 45(1), 45(2), 45(5), 49(5)(b), 51(2), 52(4), 53(5), 54(2), 55(5), 56(3), 58(2), 59(2), 60(1), 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 72, 72(2)(c) and 73 of the Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2004
13.	Articles 10(8), 15, 16(10), 21, 26, 31 and 32 of and paragraphs 8(1) and 8(2) of Schedule 1 and paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 8(3) of Schedule 6 to the Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Act 2007
14.	Sections 25, 44, 45 and 46 of the Serious Crime Act 2007
15.	Articles 1(7), 5(2), 9(3), 9(4), 11(2)(a), 16(1), 17(1), 28 and 45(6) of the Transport Act (Northern Ireland) 2011
16.	Regulations 17(1) and 18(1) of the Animal By-Products (Enforcement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011
17.	Articles 1, 10 and 11 of the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013
18.	Sections 1, 2 and 4 of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Criminal Justice and Support for Victims) Act (Northern Ireland) 2015

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on xx xxxx 2015



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend regulation 2 of and Schedule 1 to the Controlled Waste (Registration of Carriers and Seizure of Vehicles) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (the 1999 Regulations). They also amend regulation 2 of the Waste Management Licensing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 (the 2003 Regulations) which prescribes offences which must be taken into account by the Department when determining if a person can be deemed a fit and proper person to hold a waste management licence. The Regulations also introduce a new Schedule 6 to the 2003 Regulations, to provide an updated list of offences that includes environmental, financial and other relevant offences.

In particular, regulation 2 amends the 1999 Regulations.

Regulation 3(2) substitutes regulation 2 of the 2003 Regulations with a new regulation 2.

Regulation 3(3) inserts a new Schedule 6 to the 2003 Regulations.

Rural Screening

	Screening Questions	Response to Screening Questions		Full Impact Assessment Required		Justification/Key Issues and groups to focus on
		Yes	No	Yes	No	
Rural	1. Does the policy apply in rural areas and communities? If NO: set out the reasons why If YES:		√		√	
	a. Does the policy have the potential to have a negative impact on rural areas and communities?		√		√	
	b. Does the policy have the potential to have a positive impact on rural areas and communities?		√		√	
	CONCLUSION				√	

When Is a Rural Impact Assessment Required?

If the answer to question 1 is yes, consideration should be given to undertaking a rural impact assessment. The following guidance applies:

If the answer to a. is yes, a rural impact assessment must be undertaken and the checklist completed.

If the answer to b is yes, the policy document should include a reference to how and why the impact will be positive.

List of Consultees

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 Belfast Butterfly Club
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 Communication Access
 Community Development and Health Network NI
 Community Places
 Community Relations Council
 Confederation of British Industry
 Consumer Council NI
 Council for Nature Conservation and the Countryside
 Courts and Tribunal Service
 Cruse Bereavement Care (NI)
 Dairy UK
 Derry Well Woman
 Disability Action
 Donnelly Brothers
 Down's Syndrome Association
 Employers for Disability NI
 Equality Coalition
 Equality Commission for NI
 Falls Community Council
 Falls Women's Centre
 Family Planning Association NI
 Federation of Small Businesses
 Firmus

Food Standards Agency NI
Foyle Women's Information Network
Freight Transport Association
Friends of the Earth
Gingerbread NI
Green New Deal
Health and Social Care Trust
HM Council of County Court Judges
HM Revenue and Customs
Indian Community Centre
Information Commissioner's Office
Institute of Directors
Irish Congress of Trade Unions NI Committee
Law Centre (NI)
Limavady council
Linden Foods
Local Government Staff Commission for NI
Magherafelt Women's Group
Magistrates Court
MENCAP
Methodist Church in Ireland
Michelin Tyres
Ministry of Defence
Multi- Cultural Resource Centre
Mutual Energy
National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children
Newry & Mourne Women Ltd
North/South Ministerial Council
Northern Ireland Agricultural Producers Association
Northern Ireland Association for Mental Health
Northern Ireland Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders
Northern Ireland Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux
Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation
Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Northern Ireland Chamber of Trade
Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People
Northern Ireland Committee of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions
Northern Ireland Council for Ethnic Minorities
Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action (NICVA)
Northern Ireland Court Service
Northern Ireland District & Local Councils
Northern Ireland Electricity /Electricity Supply Board
Northern Ireland Environment Agency
Northern Ireland Environment Link
Northern Ireland Federation of Housing Associations
Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Services
Northern Ireland Government Departments
Northern Ireland Health & Social Care Trusts
Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission
Northern Ireland Independent Retail Association
Northern Ireland Islamic Centre
Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission
Northern Ireland Law Commission
Northern Ireland Local Government Association
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Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
Rural Community Network
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Society of Local Authority Chief Executives
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The Cedar Foundation
The Environment Committee
The Executive Council of the Inn of Court NI
The General Consumer Council for NI
The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association
The Law Society of NI
The Rainbow Project
The Scottish Government
The Senior Citizens Consortium Sperrin Lakeland
The Women's Centre
Training for Women Network Ltd
Translink
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Chartered Inst of Environmental Health NI
Chartered Inst of Wastes Management NI
Civil Law Reform Division
Community Relations Council
Confederation of British Industry NI
Conservation Volunteers NI
Council for Nature Conversation and the Countryside
District Councils
District Judge – Magistrates’ Court
Education & Library Boards
Environment Committee NI Assembly
Environmental Health Group
Environmental Law Foundation
Environmental Protection UK
Equality Commission for NI
Equality Forum NI
Executive Council of the Inn of Court of NI
Federation of Small Businesses NI
Food Standards Agency NI
Friends of the Earth
General Consumer Council NI
HM Council of County Court Judges
HMRC
Human Rights Commission
Institute of Directors
Lands Tribunal
Law Centre NI
Law Society of NI
Local Government Technical Advisors Group
MLAs
Mourne Heritage Trust
National Library
National Trust
NIC/ICTU
NIPAK
Participation & the Practice of Rights Project
PSNI
OLC
QPANI
QUB, Law School
Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution
RSPB
Royal Society for Public Health
Society of Local Authority Chief Executives
SWaMP2008
Sustainable NI
UFU
Ulster Wildlife Trust
University of Ulster Law School
Woodland Trust NI