

APPENDIX 1 - LEGISLATION & POLICY

Relevant legislation – Northern Ireland

Child protection in Northern Ireland legislation, policy and guidance

The Northern Ireland Executive Government is responsible for child protection in Northern Ireland. They set out policy, legislation and statutory guidance on how the child protection system should work.

The Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland (SBNI) co-ordinates, and ensures the effectiveness of work to protect and promote the welfare of children. The board includes representatives from health, social care, police, the probation board, youth justice, education, district councils and the NSPCC. The SBNI is responsible for developing policies and procedures to improve how different agencies work together.

Child protection in Northern Ireland Legislation, policy and guidance -

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-protection-system/northern-ireland/>

and also see -

Access NI Code of Practice (NI)

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/accessni-code-of-practice.pdf>

Children (NI) Order 1995 (NI) Children’s Services Co-operation Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (NI) -

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ni/2015/10/pdfs/ni_20150010_en.pdf

Club Framework for Safeguarding Standards in Sport

<https://www.rowingireland.ie/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Doc-1-ClubFrameworkForSafeguardingStandards-2014.pdf>

Co-operating to Safeguard Children and Young People 2017 Criminal Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 (NI)

https://www.safeguarding.ie/images/Pdfs/National_legislation-NI/co-operating-safeguard-children-young-people-NI.pdf

General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR)

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32016R0679>

Part V of the Police Act 1997 (NI)

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1997/50/part/V>

Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 (NI)

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2015/9780111128039/introduction>

Rehabilitation of Offenders (Exceptions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 (as amended 2013) (NI)

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr/2014/27/contents/made>

Safeguarding Board Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (NI)

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/nia/2011/7/contents>

Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (NI) Order 2007 (NI)

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/articles/safeguarding-vulnerable-groups-disclosure-and-barring-service>

Sexual Offences (NI) Order 2008

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisi/2008/1769/contents>

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

As a regulation, does not generally require transposition into Irish law (regulations have ‘direct effect’), so organisations involved in data processing of any sort need to be aware the regulation addresses them directly in terms of the obligations it imposes. The GDPR emphasises transparency, security and accountability by data controllers and processors, while at the same time standardising and strengthening the right of European citizens to data privacy.

Raising awareness among organisations and the public of the new law will be a combined effort of the Data Protection Commission (DPC), the Government, practitioners, and industry and professional representative bodies. The DPC has been proactively undertaking a wide range of initiatives to build awareness of the GDPR, in particular providing guidance to help organisations prepare for the new law which has been in force as of 25 May 2018.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) - <https://www.dataprotection.ie>