

# Commissioner for Older People Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

#### CHAPTER 1

## COMMISSIONER FOR OLDER PEOPLE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2011

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#### General

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#### **SCHEDULES**

SCHEDULE 1 — The Commissioner for Older People for Northern Ireland

#### Status

1. (1) The person for the time being holding the office...

#### General powers

2. (1) The Commissioner may do anything, apart from borrowing money,...

#### Tenure of office

3. (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, a person...

Salary, etc.

4. (1) The Office may pay to or in respect of...

Staff

5. (1) The Commissioner may appoint such number of officers as...

Exercise of functions of Commissioner

6. Any function of the Commissioner may be exercised by any...

Seal

7. The application of the seal of the Commissioner must be...

#### Evidence

8. A document purporting to be an instrument issued by the...

#### **Property**

9. (1) Any real or personal property vested in the Commissioner...

#### **Funding**

10. (1) The Office may make grants to the Commissioner of...

#### Accounts

11. (1) The Commissioner must— (a) keep proper accounts and proper...

#### Annual report

12. (1) As soon as practicable after the end of each...

The Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act1975 (c. 25)

13. In Part 3 of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland...

The Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 7)

14. In Schedule 2 to the Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland)...

#### The Freedom of Information Act2000 (c. 36)

15. In Part 7 of Schedule 1 to the Freedom of...

#### SCHEDULE 2 — Investigation under section 4(4)

#### Interpretation

1. In this Schedule any reference to an investigation is a...

#### Conduct of investigation

2. (1) In determining whether to conduct or discontinue an investigation,...

#### Report on investigation

3. (1) Where the Commissioner has conducted an investigation pursuant to...

#### Further action following report on investigation

4. (1) Where the Commissioner has made a report under paragraph...

#### SCHEDULE 3 — Relevant authorities

The following bodies and persons are relevant authorities by virtue...

#### Health and social care

- 1. Relevant authorities
- 2. Relevant authorities
- 3. Any person carrying on or managing any of the following...

#### Education

4. The governing body of an institution of further education, within...

#### Others

- 5. The ombudsman scheme operator as defined by section 225(2) of...
- 6. The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation.
- 7. The Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland.
- 8. The Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission.
- 9. The Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Ombudsman.

### **Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commissioner for Older People Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.