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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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1975 No. 417 (N.I. 2)

NORTHERN IRELAND

**The Community Relations (Amendment) (Northern Ireland)  
Order 1975**

*Laid before Parliament in draft*

*Made* 18th March 1975

*Coming into Operation* 1st April 1975

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 18th day of March 1975

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas a draft of this Order has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974 (a) and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

*Title and commencement*

1. This Order may be cited as the Community Relations (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1975.

*Interpretation*

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 (b) shall apply to Article 1 and the following provisions of this Order as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(2) In this Order "Department" includes the Head of a Department.

*Abolition of the Department of Community Relations and of the Northern Ireland Community Relations Commission*

3.—(1) As from the coming into operation of this Order—

(a) the Department of Community Relations (in this Order referred to as "the Department"); and

(b) the Northern Ireland Community Relations Commission (in this Order referred to as "the Commission");

shall cease to exist.

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(a) 1974 c. 28.

(b) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.).

(2) There are hereby transferred to the Department of Education, as from the coming into operation of this Order (hereinafter referred to as the "transfer date"), all property, rights and liabilities to which the Department or the Commission is entitled or subject immediately before that date.

(3) Anything which, immediately before the transfer date, is in the process of being done by or in relation to the Department or the Commission (including, in particular, any legal proceedings to which the Department or the Commission is a party) may be continued by or in relation to the Department of Education.

*Functions of the Department of Education*

4.—(1) The functions exercisable immediately before the transfer date by the Department—

(a) under and for the purposes of the Social Need (Grants) Act (Northern Ireland 1970 (a)); and

(b) by virtue of Article 3 of the Departments (Transfer of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973 (b) under and for the purposes of the Recreation and Youth Service (Northern Ireland) Order 1973 (c);

are hereby transferred as from that date to the Department of Education.

(2) As from the transfer date the Department of Education shall be responsible for formulating and sponsoring policies for the improvement of community relations in Northern Ireland.

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (2), the powers of the Department of Education under that paragraph include—

(a) giving financial or other assistance to any persons or organisations appearing to the Department of Education to be concerned with community relations; and

(b) giving financial assistance towards the conduct of research into community relations.

(4) Any financial assistance given under paragraph (3) shall be in accordance with arrangements approved by the Department of Finance.

(5) In paragraphs (2) and (3) any reference to community relations shall be construed as including a reference to any matter connected with or affecting those relations.

*Amendments and repeals*

5. As from the transfer date—

(a) in section 1 (1) and (2) of the Social Need (Grants) Act (Northern Ireland) 1970 for the reference in each subsection to the Department of Community Relations there shall be substituted a reference to the Department of Education;

(b) in Article 67 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 (d), after the words "Library Boards" there shall be inserted the word "and"; and

(c) the enactments mentioned in the Schedule are hereby repealed to the extent specified in column 3 thereof.

*N. E. Leigh*

(a) 1970 c. 13 (N.I.). (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No.504. (c) S.I. 1973/961 (N.I. 12).  
(d) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14).

**SCHEDULE**

**REPEALS**

*Acts*

Chapter	Short Title	Extent of Repeal
5 & 6 Eliz. 2 c. 20.	The House of Commons Disqualification Act 1957.	In Schedule 1, in Part II, as substituted by section 10 and Schedule 3 in relation to the Northern Ireland Assembly, the words "The Northern Ireland Community Relations Commission".
1969 c. 20 (N.I.).	The Ministry of Community Relations Act (Northern Ireland) 1969.	The whole Act.
1969 c. 23 (N.I.).	The Community Relations Act (Northern Ireland) 1969.	The whole Act.
1970 c. 13 (N.I.).	The Social Need (Grants) Act (Northern Ireland) 1970.	Section 1 (4).
1973 c. 36.	The Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973.	Section 20 (2) (b).

*Orders*

Number	Short Title	Extent of Repeal
S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14).	The Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972.	In Article 67, the words "and the Northern Ireland Community Relations Commission".
S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 504.	The Departments (Transfer of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973.	Article 3.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order provides for the abolition of the Department of Community Relations and the Northern Ireland Community Relations Commission and for the transfer to the Department of Education of their property, rights and liabilities together with certain of their functions.

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