

Disability Law Service

advice and legal representation for disabled people

Advice and Advocacy Services and Law centres in Northern Ireland

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Advice and Advocacy Help and Law Centres in Northern Ireland

Most Law centres will deal with civil matters only but if your problem is to do with criminal law or you cannot find a suitable group or law centre in your area then you can contact the **Law Society of Northern Ireland** which will be able to help you find a solicitor. It can be contacted in the following ways.

Law Society House
96 Victoria Street
Belfast BT1 3GN

Website: **www.lawsoc-ni.org**

Telephone: **028 9023 1614**

Fax: **028 9023 2606**

Advice and advocacy services may be better for more minor issues not necessarily needing special legal knowledge. If they cannot help you they should refer you to a law centre or the Law Society of Northern Ireland.

NB:- Some services only deal with people from a certain area of the country or from a certain group (ie; Students, people with learning difficulties, etc.) and most only deal with certain areas of law (employment, welfare benefits, etc) Please make sure the service you are contacting matches your needs as far as possible.

Advice and Advocacy Services

National

Advice NI

Website: www.adviceni.net/advice

National network of advice centres dealing with a variety of areas. You can search for your nearest centre on the website by county or postcode.

Gingerbread NI

169 University Street

Belfast BT7 1HR

Telephone: **080 8808 8090**

Website: www.gingerbreadni.org

Email: advice@gingerbreadni.org

Gingerbread NI offers advice specifically to lone parent families (whether through divorce/separation, bereavement or for any other reason). Gingerbread can offer advice on welfare benefits, housing, debt and family law issues.

Special Educational Needs Advice Centre (SENAC)

Graham House
Knockbracken Healthcare Park
Saintfield Road
Belfast BT8 8BH

Telephone: **028 9079 5779**

Email: **info@senac.co.uk**

SENAC offer free independent advice and information to parents and carers on all aspects of the statutory framework of SEN provision in Northern Ireland. Opening hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10am-1pm.

Carers NI

58 Howard Street
Belfast BT1 6JP

Telephone: **02890 439 843**

Email: **advice@carersuk.org**

Carers UK Northern Ireland offer advice on financial and practical matters related to caring, including benefits, carers employment rights, and community care and carers assessments.

The Consumer Council

116 Holywood Road

Belfast BT4 1NY

Telephone/Textphone: **028 9067 2488**

Email: **info@consumercouncil.org.uk**

The Consumer Council for NI is a consumer organisation set up by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (DETI). They help individual consumers with complaints about buses, trains, planes, ferries, natural gas, electricity, coal and water.

Local

Multi Area

Disability Action

Website: www.disabilityaction.org

Head Office - Belfast

Portside Business Park,
189 Airport Road West,
Belfast, BT3 9ED

Telephone: 028 9029 7880

Textphone: 028 9029 7882

Email: hq@disabilityaction.org

North West Office

58 Strand Road,
Derry, Co.Londonderry,
BT48 7AJ

Telephone: 028 7136 0811

Textphone: 028 7137 2077

Email: derry@disabilityaction.org

Regional Office - Dungannon

11 Georges Street,
Dungannon, BT70 1BP

Telephone: 028 8775 2372

Textphone: 028 8775 2372

Email dungannon@disabilityaction.org

Regional Office - Carrickfergus

6 West Street,

Carrickfergus, BT38 7AR

Telephone: 028 9336 9367

Textphone: 028 9336 9386

Email: carrickfergus@disabilityaction.org

Disability Action can offer advice on a variety of issues including welfare benefits, community care, housing and other areas. They also operate the Centre for Human Rights for People with Disabilities which can offer advice and support on human rights issues. All their services can be accessed by disabled people, their families and carers.

Centre for Independent Living NI

Website: **www.cilbelfast.org**

Head & Eastern Area Office

Linden House

Beechill Business Park

96 Beechill Road

Belfast BT8 7QN

Telephone: 028 9064 8546

Textphone: 028 9064 0598

Email: info@cilni.org

Southern Area Office

Unit 55, Armagh Business Centre

2 Loughgall Road

Armagh BT61 7NH

Telephone: 028 3752 2282

Email: southern@cilni.org

Western Area Office

62 Market Street

Omagh BT78 1EL

Telephone: 028 8224 8926

Email: western@cilni.org

Northern Area Office

Unit C9, The Business Centre

80-82 Rainey Street

Magherafelt BT45 5AJ

Telephone: 028 7963 4932

Email: northern@cilni.org

The Centre for Independent Living NI (CILNI) is an organisation of disabled people which provides services to disabled people considering or using Direct Payments to employ staff to provide personal assistance. They offer information, advice and advocacy on all aspects of independent living and Direct Payments

Citizens Advice Bureau Northern Ireland

Advice charity with 28 offices across Northern Ireland. They offer advice in a wide range of areas including benefits, debt, consumer, employment and housing issues.

To find your local office go to http://www.citizensadvice.co.uk/pages/get_advice/.

Law Centres

National

Housing Rights Service

10-12 High Street

Belfast BT1 2BA

Telephone: **028 9024 5640**

Website: **www.housingrights.org.uk**

www.housingadviceni.org

Offers advice on housing law and housing issues throughout Northern Ireland

Equality Commission for Northern Ireland

Equality House

7 - 9 Shaftesbury Square

Belfast BT2 7DP

Telephone: **028 90 500 600**

Website: **www.equalityni.org**

Email: **information@equalityni.org**

Textphone: **028 9050 0589**

Deals with all equality issues particularly those involving human rights.

Children's Law Centre

3rd Floor Philip House

123-137 York Street

Belfast, BT15 1AB

Telephone (main): **0289 024 5704**

Telephone (advice): **0808 808 5678**

Website: **www.childrenslawcentre.org**

Email: **chalky@childrenslawcentre.org**

Offers advice and legal help to under 18's and those acting on their behalf.

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17 Oval Way,
Vauxhall,
London
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Website: **www.dls.org.uk**

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