

Disability Law Service

Fighting injustice for disabled people

Advice and Advocacy Services and Law centres in Northern Ireland

As a not for profit charity, we rely on your donations. If you find this factsheet useful, please consider making a donation of £5 to help us to continue to help others.

Just text: **THNX01 £5 to 70070**

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 (i.e.; 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

Advice NI

Rushfield Avenue

Belfast

BT7 3FP

Website: www.adviceni.net/advice

Tax and benefits: **0800 988 2377**

Money and debt: **0800 028 1881**

Welfare changes: **0808 802 0020**

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.

Parenting NI

42 Dublin Road

Belfast

BT2 7HN

Website: www.parentingni.org

Helpline: **0808 8010 722**

Email: info@parentingni.org

Parenting NI welcome and encourage all parents and carers to call about any issues that is concerning them. They will provide support on anything relating to parenting, from sleep routines and potty training, temper tantrums and behavioural problems, bullying and school related issues, to issues around drugs, alcohol, separation and divorce.

Special Educational Needs Advice Centre (SENAC)

Graham House

Knockbracken Healthcare Park

Saintfield Road

Belfast BT8 8BH

Website: **www.senac.org.uk**

Advice line: **028 9079 5779**

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

SENAC offer advice and information to parents, carers and professionals on getting the right support in school for children with learning difficulties and special educational needs.

Carers NI

58 Howard Street

Belfast BT1 6JP

Website: www.carersuk.org/northernireland

Telephone: **028 9043 9843**

Email: **advice@carersni.org**

Working as part of carers UK, Carers NI make sure carers in Northern Ireland Carers NI can go online to get accurate and up-to-date online information about caring. If you can't find what you're looking for online, you can give Carers NI a call.

The Consumer Council

28-32 Alfred Street

Belfast

BT2 8EN

Website: www.consumercouncil.org.uk

Telephone: **028 9025 1600**

Email: info@consumercouncil.org.uk

The Consumer Council for NI provide advice on your consumer rights across a range of areas to include energy, transport, water, postal services and goods and services.

Disability Action

Website: www.disabilityaction.org

Head Office - Belfast

Portside Business Park,

189 Airport Road West,

Belfast, BT3 9ED

Telephone: 028 9029 7880

Email: hq@disabilityaction.org

Derry-Londonderry

58 Strand Road,

Derry, Co.Londonderry

BT48 7AJ

Telephone: 028 7136 0811

Email: derry@disabilityaction.org

Dungannon

11 Georges Street

Dungannon

BT70 1BP

Telephone: 028 8775 2372

Email dungannon@disabilityaction.org

Carrickfergus

6 West Street

Carrickfergus

BT38 7AR

Telephone: 028 9336 9367

Email: carrickfergus@disabilityaction.org

Disability Action provides an Advice Service through their Belfast, Dungannon and Carrickfergus Offices. Appointments can be limited due to the demand on the service. You can contact your closest office for availability. Their Advocacy Service is currently only available to people living in certain areas or with certain disabilities. Please see the website for details.

Centre for Independent Living NI

Website: www.cilni.org

Head & Eastern Area Office

Linden House

Beechill Business Park

96 Beechill Road

Belfast BT8 7QN

Telephone: 028 9064 8546

Email: info@cilni.org

Southern Trust

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 C1, 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 working to support disabled people choosing to take more control over their arrangements for personal support. CILNI provides a range of services to disabled people, including older people, people with learning disability and mental health service users.

Citizens Advice Northern Ireland

Website: www.citizensadvice.org.uk/nireland

Citizens Advice Offers free, confidential, impartial and independent advice to the public. Their advice helps people resolve their problems with debt, benefits, employment, housing, discrimination, and many more issues. It is available to everyone. Advice may be given face-to-face or by phone. Most Citizens Advice can arrange home visits and some also provide email advice.

The Debt Advice Service is available across Northern Ireland.

Telephone: 0800 028 1881

Email: debt.advice@citizensadvice.org.uk

Cross border advice is available.

Housing Rights

The Skainos Centre

239 Newtownards Road

Belfast BT4 1AF

Website: www.housingrights.org.uk

Telephone: **028 9024 5640**

Textphone: **028 9026 7927**

Housing and debt helpline for Northern Ireland

Equality Commission for Northern Ireland

Website: www.equalityni.org

Telephone: **028 90 500 600**

Provide advice and assistance for people who feel they have been discriminated against.

Children's Law Centre

Rights House

127-131 Ormeau Road

Belfast

BT7 1SH

Website: **www.childrenslawcentre.org**

Advice Line: **0808 808 5678**

Email: **chalky@childrenslawcentre.org**

CLC provides a child focused and child friendly legal advice, information and representation service unique in Northern Ireland.

Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission

Website: **www.nihrc.org**

Telephone: **028 9024 3987**

Email: **info@nihrc.org**

Operate an advice clinic every Wednesday morning from 9:30am to 1pm.

Disability Law Service

Fighting injustice for disabled people

The Foundry
17 Oval Way
London
SE11 5RR

Telephone: **020 7791 9800**

Email: **advice@dls.org.uk**

Website: www.dls.org.uk

Registered Charity Number: **280805**

Company Registration Number: **1408520**

As a not for profit charity, we rely on your donations. If you find this factsheet useful, please consider making a donation of £5 to help us to continue to help others.

Just text: **THNX01 £5 to 70070**