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**COPNI**

Commissioner for Older People  
for Northern Ireland



Promoting &  
safeguarding the  
rights of older  
people in  
Northern Ireland.

## Who we are



The Commissioner for Older People for Northern Ireland is Siobhan Casey. Her role is to protect and speak up for the interests of older people, (those aged 60 and over.)

COPNI was set up in 2011. Since then, we have worked tirelessly to influence the government and other organisations on issues that matter to older people. We produce reports, respond to consultations, and conduct research to support change.

We've published reports on important topics, like:

- **Older victims of domestic abuse in Northern Ireland.**
- **Preparing for an ageing population.**
- **Older people's perceptions of ageism in Northern Ireland.**

## Our Role

Under the COPNI legislation, the Commissioner has a number of powers and duties, such as:

- **Review laws** and services to make sure they are fair for older people.
- **Encourage positive attitudes** towards older people and fight against discrimination.
- **Advise the government** on matters that concern older people.
- **Raise awareness** of issues important to older people in Northern Ireland.
- **Seek the views of** older people all across Northern Ireland.



## How we can help you

*“ You took the time to listen and stepped forward as a true advocate for my parents at a time when they felt totally powerless and extremely vulnerable. ”*  
*Client testimonial*

If you're over 60 and living in Northern Ireland, our legal team may be able to step in and advocate on your behalf. Some of the issues we support older people with are health and social care matters or complaints with a public body that you've been unable to resolve, safeguarding and protection from harm among many others.

### We can:

- **Write letters** or **make calls** on your behalf.
- **Attend meetings** in an advocacy role.
- **Signpost you to the right organisations** that are best equipped to help with your specific concerns.
- **Offer legal assistance** and conduct investigations into cases that affect an older person's rights and entitlements.

*“ Thank you for your caring, compassionate and helpful guidance shown to our family during a very stressful time. ”*  
*Client testimonial*