**Changes required to the passporting of individuals to Help with Health Costs as a result of the introduction of Universal Credit.**

This consultation outlines the proposals for identifying people eligible for help with healthcare costs (dental, eye and travel costs to hospital for treatment) after the move to universal credit.

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/changes-required-passporting-individuals-help-health-costs-result-introduction-universal-credit>

Closes 19th September

**Reform of social fund funeral expenses payment scheme**

This asks for the views of those who have accessed the funeral expenses scheme, have been bereaved and the funeral industry to give their opinion on reforms which include:

Contributions: family, friend or other contributions will be added to rather than deducted from the funeral payment sum.

Extending claim period from 3 to 6 months and

Reducing the application form for the funeral of a child

<https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/consultations/reforms-social-fund-funeral-expenses-payment-scheme>

Closes 15th September

**The Northern Ireland Social Care Council (Social Care Workers Prohibition) and Fitness of Workers (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017**

Outlines the proposals to further the compulsory registration of social care workers by including:

A member of care staff of a day care setting;

 a member of care staff of a residential family centre;

 a person who is supplied by a domiciliary care agency to provide personal in the care in their own homes for persons who by reason of illness, infirmity or disability are unable to provide it for themselves without assistance; and

 a manager of a residential family centre

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/consultations/health/Consultation%20document%20-%20Rollout%20of%20Compulsory%20Registration%20%28NISCC%29_1.pdf>

Closes 1st September