

Hi Stella

See enclosed and relating to NDPBs from the NI Direct website - <http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/index/information-and-services/government-citizens-and-rights/government/government-in-northern-ireland/northern-ireland-government-departments.htm>

Non-departmental public bodies

A non-departmental public body (NDPB) is a national or regional public body, working independently of, but still accountable to ministers. They are not staffed by civil servants. There are two main types of NDPB.

Executive NDPBs are those with executive, administrative, commercial or regulatory functions. They carry out set functions within a government framework, but the degree of operational independence varies. Examples include the Housing Executive, Sport NI and the Consumer Council.

Advisory NDPBs are those set up by ministers to advise them and their departments on particular matters. Examples include the Historic Buildings Council, the Historic Monuments Council and the Older Peoples Advocate.

In terms of identifying these NDPBs I enclose the following link to an OFMDFM annual report. Looking at it I think what we need to consider are mainly the Executive NDPBS in table 2, but there may be value in including all/some of the advisory ones and there are also bodies outside these such as the Health ones eg PHA, and NITHCO that might need to be considered.

<http://www.ofmdfmi.gov.uk/public-bodies-public-appointments-annual-report-2013-14.pdf>

I also enclose the following for cross comparison

<https://www.dfpni.gov.uk/articles/list-public-bodies-which-ni-public-procurement-policy-applies>

<http://www.publicappointmentsni.org/index/our-role/list-bodies.htm>

I can find no definition or list of Arm's Length Bodies – the term seems to be used interchangeably with NDPB by some departments

Kind regards

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Table 2: Public Bodies (NDPBs) by type and by Department as at 31 March 2014

Executive NDPBs	Department
Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute	Department of Agriculture & Rural Development
Agricultural Wages Board for Northern Ireland	Department of Agriculture & Rural Development
Livestock and Meat Commission for Northern Ireland	Department of Agriculture & Rural Development
Northern Ireland Fishery Harbour Authority	Department of Agriculture & Rural Development
Armagh Observatory and Planetarium – Board of Governors	Department of Culture, Arts & Leisure
Armagh Observatory and Planetarium – Management Committee	Department of Culture, Arts & Leisure
Arts Council of Northern Ireland	Department of Culture, Arts & Leisure
National Museums and Galleries of Northern Ireland	Department of Culture, Arts & Leisure
Northern Ireland Library Authority known as Libraries NI	Department of Culture, Arts & Leisure
Northern Ireland Museums Council	Department of Culture, Arts & Leisure
Northern Ireland Screen Commission	Department of Culture, Arts & Leisure
Sport Northern Ireland	Department of Culture, Arts & Leisure
World Police and Fire Games Limited 2013	Department of Culture, Arts & Leisure
Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta	Department of Education
Council for Catholic Maintained Schools	Department of Education
Education and Library Boards – Belfast	Department of Education
North Eastern	Department of Education
South Eastern	Department of Education
Southern	Department of Education
Western	Department of Education
General Teaching Council for NI	Department of Education

Executive NDPBs	Department
NI Council for Integrated Education	Department of Education
NI Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment	Department of Education
Staff Commission for Education and Library Boards	Department of Education
Youth Council for Northern Ireland	Department of Education
Middletown Centre for Autism Ltd	Department of Education
CITB-ConstructionSkills NI	Department for Employment & Learning
Governing Bodies of Further Education Colleges – Belfast Metropolitan College	Department for Employment & Learning
Governing Bodies of Further Education Colleges – Northern Regional College	Department for Employment & Learning
Governing Bodies of Further Education Colleges – North West Regional College	Department for Employment & Learning
Governing Bodies of Further Education Colleges – South Eastern Regional College	Department for Employment & Learning
Governing Bodies of Further Education Colleges – Southern Regional College	Department for Employment & Learning
Governing Bodies of Further Education Colleges – South West College	Department for Employment & Learning
Labour Relations Agency	Department for Employment & Learning
Stranmillis University College	Department for Employment & Learning
Ulster Supported Employment Limited	Department for Employment & Learning
General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland	Department of Enterprise, Trade & Investment
Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland	Department of Enterprise, Trade & Investment
Invest Northern Ireland	Department of Enterprise, Trade & Investment
Northern Ireland Tourist Board	Department of Enterprise, Trade & Investment

Executive NDPBs	Department
Local Government Staff Commission for NI	Department of the Environment
Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee	Department of the Environment
Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland	Department of Justice
Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission	Department of Justice
Northern Ireland Police Fund	Department of Justice
Northern Ireland Policing Board	Department of Justice
Office of Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland	Department of Justice
Police Rehabilitation and Retraining Trust	Department of Justice
Probation Board for Northern Ireland	Department of Justice
Royal Ulster Constabulary George Cross Foundation	Department of Justice
Health and Social Care Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority	Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety
NI Fire and Rescue Service Board	Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety
NI Practice and Education Council for Nursing and Midwifery	Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety
NI Social Care Council	Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety
Northern Ireland Water Limited	Department for Regional Development
Charity Commission for Northern Ireland	Department for Social Development
NI Housing Executive	Department for Social Development
Commission for Victims and Survivors for Northern Ireland	Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister
Commissioner for Children and Young People	Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister
Commissioner for Older People for Northern Ireland	Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister
Equality Commission for NI	Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister

Executive NDPBs	Department
Ilex Urban Regeneration Company Limited	Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister
Maze/Long Kesh Development Corporation	Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister
Northern Ireland Community Relations Council	Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister
Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission	Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister
Strategic Investment Board Limited	Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister
Victims and Survivors Service	Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister
Advisory NDPBs	Department
Drainage Council for Northern Ireland	Department of Agriculture & Rural Development
NI Adviser on Employment and Skills	Department for Employment & Learning
Council for Nature Conservation and the Countryside	Department of the Environment
Historic Buildings Council	Department of the Environment
Historic Monuments Council	Department of the Environment
Advisory Committee on Justices of the Peace	Department of Justice
Independent Assessor for Police Service of NI Recruitment Vetting	Department of Justice
Northern Ireland Law Commission	Department of Justice
Northern Ireland Building Regulations Advisory Committee	Department of Finance & Personnel
Statistics Advisory Committee	Department of Finance & Personnel
NI Clinical Excellence Awards Committee	Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety
Poisons Board	Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety
Charities Advisory Committee	Department for Social Development
Disability Living Allowance Advisory Board for Northern Ireland	Department for Social Development

Tribunal NDPBs	Department
Exceptional Circumstances Body	Department of Education
Fair Employment Tribunal	Department for Employment & Learning
Industrial Court	Department for Employment & Learning
Industrial Tribunals	Department for Employment & Learning
Planning Appeals Commission	Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister
Water Appeals Commission	Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister
Health and Social Care Bodies / Special Agencies	Department
Business Services Organisation	Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety
Health and Social Care Board	Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety
Belfast Health and Social Care Trust	Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety
Northern Health and Social Care Trust	Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety
Southern Health and Social Care Trust	Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety
South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust	Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety
Western Health and Social Care Trust	Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety
NI Ambulance Service Health and Social Care Trust	Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety
Patient and Client Council	Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety
Public Health Agency	Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety
NI Blood Transfusion Service Special Health & Social Care Agency	Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety
NI Guardian Ad Litem Agency	Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety
NI Medical and Dental Training Agency	Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety

Public Corporations	Department
Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company	Department for Regional Development
Other Bodies (Including Independent Monitoring Boards)	Department
Maghaberry Prison	Department of Justice
Magilligan Prison	Department of Justice
Hydebank Wood Young Offenders Centre and Prison	Department of Justice
Vaughan's Charity (Trustees)	Department for Social Development

Annex A

List of Public Bodies to which Procurement Policy applies - Revised August 2014

Northern Ireland Government Departments*

Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure

Department of Education

Department for Employment and Learning

Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment

Department of the Environment

Department of Finance and Personnel

Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety

Department of Justice

Department for Regional Development

Department for Social Development

Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister

* Bodies for which Departments are responsible are listed separately on the attached pages

List of Public Bodies to which Procurement Policy applies (cont'd)

Government Agencies

Compensation Agency

Driver and Vehicle Agency (DVA)

Forensic Science Northern Ireland

Forest Service

Land and Property Services (LPS)

Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service (NICTS)

Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA)

Northern Ireland Prison Service

Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA)

Rivers Agency

Social Security Agency (SSA)

Youth Justice Agency

List of Public Bodies to which Procurement Policy applies (cont'd)

Other Public Bodies by Department (cont'd)

Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI)

Livestock and Meat Commission for Northern Ireland (LMC)

Northern Ireland Fishery Harbour Authority (NIFHA)

Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure

Armagh Observatory

Armagh Planetarium

Arts Council of Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland Library Authority

Northern Ireland Screen

Northern Ireland Museums Council

National Museums Northern Ireland (NMNI)

Sport NI

2013 World Police and Fire Games

List of Public Bodies to which Procurement Policy applies (cont'd)

Other Public Bodies by Department (cont'd)
Department of Education¹
Council for Catholic Maintained Schools (CCMS)
Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta (CnaG)
Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment (CCEA)
Education and Library Boards ¹
Education and Skills Authority ²
Exceptional Circumstances Body (ECB)
General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland (GTCNI)
Middletown Centre for Autism ³
Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education (NICIE)
Staff Commission for Education and Library Boards (SCELB)
Youth Council for Northern Ireland (YCNI)

¹ The Education and Library Boards (ELBs) are under the responsibility of the Department of Education. In April 2009, the libraries provision of the ELBs transferred to the Northern Ireland Library Authority (under the responsibility of DCAL).

² When established, the Education and Skills Authority (ESA) will subsume all the Department of Education's current NDPBs and will be subject to public procurement policy. The timescale for ESA's implementation is currently unclear.

³ DE and the Department of Education and Science, Republic of Ireland jointly fund and make appointments to Middletown Centre for Autism Ltd (set up in March 2007).

List of Public Bodies to which Procurement Policy applies (cont'd)

Other Public Bodies by Department (cont'd)
Department for Employment and Learning
Belfast Metropolitan College
CITB - ConstructionSkills NI (formerly Construction Industry Training Board)
Labour Relations Agency (LRA)
Northern Regional College
North West Regional College
South Eastern Regional College
Southern Regional College
South West College
Stranmillis University College
Ulster Supported Employment Limited (USEL)

List of Public Bodies to which Procurement Policy applies (cont'd)

Other Public Bodies by Department (cont'd)

Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment

Consumer Council for Northern Ireland

Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland

Invest Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland Tourist Board

Department of the Environment

Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee (NILGOSC)

Local Government Staff Commission (LGSC)

Department of Finance and Personnel

Northern Ireland Building Regulations Advisory Committee

Statistics Advisory Committee

List of Public Bodies to which Procurement Policy applies (cont'd)

Other Public Bodies by Department (cont'd)

Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

Business Services Organisation (BSO)

Health and Social Care Board (HSCB)

Northern Health and Social Care Trust

Northern Ireland Ambulance Service

Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service

Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service

Northern Ireland Guardian Ad Litem Agency

Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency

Northern Ireland Practice and Education Council (NIPEC)

List of Public Bodies to which Procurement Policy applies (cont'd)

Other Public Bodies by Department (cont'd)

Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (cont'd)

Northern Ireland Social Care Council (NISCC)

Patient and Client Council

Regional Agency for Public Health and Social Well Being (RAPHSW)

Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority (RQIA)

South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

Southern Health and Social Care Trust

Western Health and Social Care Trust

List of Public Bodies to which Procurement Policy applies (cont'd)

Other Public Bodies by Department (cont'd)

Department of Justice

Criminal Justice Inspectorate

Northern Ireland Law Commission

Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission

Northern Ireland Policing Board

Northern Ireland Policing Fund

Northern Ireland Prisoner Ombudsman

Probation Board Northern Ireland

Police Ombudsman Northern Ireland

Police Retraining and Rehabilitation Trust

Police Service of Northern Ireland

RUC George Cross Foundation

List of Public Bodies to which Procurement Policy applies (cont'd)

Other Public Bodies by Department (cont'd)

Department for Regional Development

Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company/Translink incorporating Citybus, Ulsterbus and Northern Ireland Railways

Northern Ireland Water (NIW)

Department for Social Development

Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE)

The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (CCNI)

List of Public Bodies to which Procurement Policy applies (cont'd)

Other Public Bodies by Department
Officer of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister
Attorney General for Northern Ireland
Commissioner for Children and Young People for Northern Ireland (NICCY)
Commissioner for Older People for Northern Ireland (COPNI)
Commissioner for Public Appointments for Northern Ireland (CPANI)
Commissioner for Victims and Survivors (CVSNI)
Community Relations Council (CRC)
Equality Commission for Northern Ireland (ECNI)
ILEX Urban Regeneration Company Limited
Maze Long Kesh Development Corporation ⁴ (MKLDC)
Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission
Northern Ireland Memorial Fund (NIMF)

⁴To be set up in 2012/2013

List of Public Bodies to which Procurement Policy applies (cont'd)

Other Public Bodies by Department

Officer of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister

Strategic Investment Board (SIB)

Planning and Water Appeals Commission (PACWAC)

Victims and Survivors Service Ltd

Other Public Bodies

Public Prosecution Service for Northern Ireland (PPS)



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List of bodies we regulate

The Commissioner regulates appointments to the following bodies:

Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

Agricultural Wages Board for NI
Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute
Drainage Council
Fishery Harbour Authority [NI]
Livestock and Meat Commission for NI

Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure

Architecture & Built Environment Ministerial Advisory Group for NI
Armagh Observatory & Planetarium Board of Governors
Armagh Observatory & Planetarium Management Committee
Arts Council of NI
National Museums and Galleries
NI Library Authority [Libraries NI]
NI Museums Council
NI Screen
Sport NI

Department of Education

Comhairle Na Gaelscolaíochta
Council for Catholic Maintained Schools
Diocesan Education Committees of the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools
Education Authority
General Teaching Council
NI Council for Integrated Education
NI Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment
Youth Council for NI

Department for Employment and Learning

Certification Officer for NI
CITB – Construction Skills NI
Governing Bodies of Further Education Colleges

- Belfast Metropolitan College

- Northern Regional College
- North West Regional College
- South Eastern Regional College
- South West Regional College
- Southern Regional College

Governing Body of St Mary's University College
 Governing Body of Stranmillis University College
 Labour Relations Agency
 Ulster Supported Employment Limited

Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment

General Consumer Council for NI
 Health and Safety Executive for NI
 Invest NI
 Tourism Northern Ireland

Department of Finance and Personnel

NI Authority for Utility Regulation
 NI Building Regulations Advisory Committee
 NI Statistics Advisory Committee

Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety

Business Services Organisation
 Health and Social Care Board
 Health and Social Care Trusts

- Belfast Health & Social Care Trust
- Northern Health & Social Care Trust
- South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust
- Southern Health & Social Care Trust
- Western Health & Social Care Trust
- NI Ambulance Service Trust

NI Blood Transfusion Service
 NI Fire and Rescue Service
 NI Guardian Ad Litem Agency
 NI Medical and Dental Training Agency
 NI Practice and Education Council for Nursing and Midwifery
 NI Social Care Council
 Patient and Client Council
 Public Health Agency
 Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority
 Safeguarding Board for NI

Department of the Environment

Council for Nature Conservation and the Countryside
 Historic Buildings Council
 Historic Monuments Council

Local Government Staff Commission
NI Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee

Department of Justice

Criminal Justice Inspection NI
Independent Assessor for Police Service of Northern Ireland Recruitment Vetting
NI Law Commission
NI Legal Services Commission
NI Police Fund
NI Policing Board
Office of the Police Ombudsman [jointly with OFMDFM]
Police Rehabilitation and Retraining Trust
Probation Board NI
Royal Ulster Constabulary George Cross Foundation

Department for Regional Development

Belfast Harbour Commissioners
Londonderry Port & Harbour Commissioners
NI Transport Holding Company
NI Water
Warrenpoint Harbour Authority

Department for Social Development

Charities Advisory Committee
Charity Commission for NI
NI Housing Executive Board

Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister

Commissioner for Children and Young People
Commissioner for Older People
Commission for Victims and Survivors for NI
Ilex Urban Regeneration Company Ltd
Maze/Long Kesh Development Corporation
NI Judicial Appointments Commission
Office of the Police Ombudsman for NI [jointly with DOJ]
Strategic Investment Board Ltd

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