



Commissioner for **Older People**
for Northern Ireland

Key Duties

1. To promote awareness of the interests of older people in Northern Ireland.
2. To keep under review the adequacy and effectiveness of the law as it affects the interests of older people.
3. To keep under review the adequacy and effectiveness of services provided to older people by "relevant authorities".
4. To promote the provision of opportunities for and the elimination of discrimination against older people.
5. To encourage best practice in the treatment of older people.
6. To promote positive attitudes towards older people and encourage participation by older people in public life.
7. To advise the Assembly, the Secretary of State and a relevant authority on matters concerning the interests of older people.
8. To take reasonable steps to communicate with older people.

General Powers

1. Make arrangements for research or educational activities concerning the interests of older people.
2. Issue guidance on best practice in relation to any matter concerning the interests of older people.
3. Conduct investigations for the purpose of any of her functions.
4. Compile and publish information concerning the interests of older people.
5. Provide advice or information on any matter concerning the interests of older people.