



Summary: Equality Screened Policies 1 May 2026 – 31 July 2026

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Policy title	Screening approval date	Policy aim	Screening outcomes
Vexatious Behaviour Policy	1 May 2026	This policy aims to establish guidance on when telephone calls to the Commission, correspondence and/or complaints might be vexatious. It also applies to other wider contacts with the Commission such as meetings. It is intended to deal with those individuals who persist in making what are considered to be vexatious or unreasonable demands either by way of correspondence, telephone calls or complaints whether the caller or service user has or has not made any request for information recovery to the Commission.	Screened out
Right to Review Policy	1 May 2026	The aim of the policy is to set out how the Commission handles requests by individuals or families to review a decision taken by the Commissioner for Investigations' Information Recovery Team.	Screened out
Initial Handling and Categorisation of Material Policy	1 May 2026	The aim of the policy is to set out the process for the initial handling of material coming into the Commission, ensuring it is appropriately marked under the Government Security Classifications	Screened out

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		Policy (GSCP) and according to its sensitivity under the NI Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2023.	
Publication of Investigations Policy	1 May 2026	This policy sets out how the Commission approaches the publication of information about open investigations. It applies to all requests for investigations made under section 9 (deaths) and section 10 (other harmful conduct) of the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2023 (the Act).	Screened out
Witness Pathway Policy	1 May 2026	This policy aims to develop a trauma informed pathway by which the Commission can recover best evidence from witnesses while complying with the requirements of the Act.	Screened out
S14 Policy	1 May 2026	The policy sets out the Commission's powers and responsibilities when issuing a notice under 14 of the Northern Ireland Troubles Act 2023. S14 of the Act gives the Commission the power to issue a notice to a person to a) Attend at a time and place (<i>stated in the notice</i>) to provide information, produce any documents or any other things in their possession or control. b) Provide evidence in the form of a written statement, provide any documents or any other things in their possession or control within a reasonable period to the Commission. What is considered reasonable is decided by the Commissioner for Investigations. The policy sets out how the Commission should approach using their s14 powers, how it should enforce non-	Screened out

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		compliance with a s14 notice and how it should monitor and review its use of the power.	
Personal Statements Policy	1 May 2026	This policy sets how the Commission approaches Sections 23 and 24 of the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2023 (the Act) which require the Chief Commissioner to provide opportunities for eligible persons to make a personal statement, defines who is eligible to make such a statement, for that statement to be supplemented, and for the statement to be published if the person wishes it to be published. The policy provides a pathway through the personal statement process, setting out the nature and shape of participation rights	Screened out
Designation of Powers Policy	1 May 2026	To establish a clear and robust framework for the designation, management and oversight of ICRIR officers exercising constabulary powers, ensuring that only suitably trained, capable and appropriate individuals are authorised in accordance with statutory requirements.	Screened out
Handling a Request Policy	1 May 2026	The aim of this policy is to provide a clear, consistent and transparent framework for the receipt, assessment, management and investigation of requests made under the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2023, ensuring that requests are handled fairly, lawfully and in accordance with the Commission's statutory duties.	Screened out

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Conflicts of Interest in Investigations Policy	1 May 2026	The Conflicts of Interest Policy sets out guidelines and safeguards for all operational staff at the Commission regarding actual, potential and perceived conflicts.	Screened out
Definition of Troubles Policy	1 May 2026	The aim of this policy is to provide a clear and consistent framework for determining whether an incident is likely to be considered Troubles/Conflict-related and therefore capable of being considered by the Commission under the provisions of the <i>Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2023</i>. In line with the Commission's trauma-informed and resilience-informed approach, the policy seeks to ensure that potential requesting individuals and families are provided with timely, accurate, and accessible information to support informed decision-making about whether to submit a request for an investigation. The policy also aims to promote transparency, consistency, and fairness in the Commission's preliminary assessment of requests, while recognising that a limited degree of discretion may be required in exceptional circumstances where the application of the statutory timeframe is not straightforward.	Screened out
Type of Investigations Policy	1 May 2026	The policy sets out a standard methodology to ensure that the right type of investigation is carried out for each request that the Commissioner for Investigations accepts.	Screened out

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Pre Employment Checks Policy	11 May 2026	This policy aims to ensure all prospective employees undergo appropriate checks to verify identity, legal status, safeguarding, and suitability for sensitive roles.	Screened out
Safeguarding Policy	28 July 2026	The safeguarding policy for the Independent Commission for Reconciliation and Information Recovery (ICRIR) aims to ensure the safety and well-being of all individuals participating in the Commission's activities, particularly children and vulnerable adults.	Screened out
Safeguarding Children Policy	28 July 2026	This policy aims to establish guidelines for staff to ensure the safety and well-being of young people under the age of 18 years whilst being present in the Commission's premises and ensuring that they are not exposed to any Commission activity that may negatively impact on their wellbeing.	Screened out