STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Fund (Child Funeral Fund) (No. 2) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026

Made - - - -	*20th October 2026*
Coming into operation	*1st December 2026*

The Department for Communities makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 134(1)(a) and (4), 171(1) and (3) to (5) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**a**) and sections 1(1) and (1C), 5(1)(a), (j), and (k) and 165(1), (4) and (5) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**b**) and now vested in it(**c**).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Social Fund (Child Funeral Fund) (No. 2) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026 and shall come into operation on 1st December 2026.

Amendment of the Social Fund (Child Funeral Fund) (No. 2) Regulations

2.—(1) The Social Fund (Child Funeral Fund) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022(**d**) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 4 (provisions against double payment)—

(a) omit "or" in sub-paragraph (b);

(b) in sub-paragraph (c) for "." substitute "; or";

(c) after sub-paragraph (c) insert—

"(d) a payment has been made in respect of funeral expenses arising from the death of the same person from a Health and Social Care Trust, unless the amount paid by the Health and Social Care Trust is less than a Child Funeral Fund payment, in which case a payment may be made for an amount not exceeding the remainder of the value of a Child Funeral Fund payment.".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Communities on 20th October 2026.

(L.S.)

David Tarr

(**a**) 1992 c. 7; section 134(1)(a) was amended by Part 7 of Schedule 12 to the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I. 1)) and section 171(1) was amended by paragraph 5 of Schedule 4 to the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21)
(**b**) 1992 c. 8; section 1(1C) was inserted by Article 18 of S.I. 1997/1182 (N.I. 11)
(**c**) *See* Article 8(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 481 and section 1(7) of the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c. 5)
(**d**) S.R. 2022 No. 179

A senior officer of the Department for Communities

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations will prevent double payments by allowing a Child Funeral Fund payment to be refused where payment has already been made from a Health and Social Care Trust.

Regulation 1 provides that the Regulations shall come into operation on 00th Month 2026.

Regulation 2 prohibits payment from the Child Funeral Fund in respect of funeral expenses for which payment has already been made from a Health and Social Care Trust, except where the payment received from a Health and Social Care Trust is for an amount less than a Child Funeral Fund payment, in which case an amount may be paid to the value of the remainder of the Child Funeral Fund payment.

A regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for these Regulations as they have no impact on the costs of business.

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