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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Welfare Reform and Pensions  
(Northern Ireland) Order 1999**

**PART VI**

**WELFARE**

**CHAPTER I**

**SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS**

*Supplementary*

**Supply of information for certain purposes**

**69.**—(1) The Department may by regulations make such provision for or in connection with any of the following matters, namely—

- (a) the use by a person within paragraph (2) of social security information held by that person,
- (b) the supply (whether to a person within paragraph (2) or otherwise) of social security information held by a person within that paragraph,
- (c) the relevant purposes for which a person to whom such information is supplied under the regulations may use it, and
- (d) the circumstances and extent (if any) in and to which a person to whom such information is supplied under the regulations may supply it to any other person (whether within paragraph (2) or not),

as the Department considers appropriate in connection with any provision to which paragraph (3) applies or in connection with any scheme or arrangements to which paragraph (4) applies.

(2) The persons within this paragraph are—

- (a) a Northern Ireland department;
- (b) a person providing services to, or designated for the purposes of this Article by an order of, a Northern Ireland department;
- (c) any other body established by or under a statutory provision; and
- (d) a person providing services to, or authorised to exercise any function of, such a body.

(3) This paragraph applies to any provision made by or under—

- (a) any of the sections of the Administration Act inserted by Article 54, 55 or 68,
- (b) Article 57, or
- (c) the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.

(4) This paragraph applies to—

- (a) any scheme designated by regulations under paragraph (1), being a scheme operated by a Northern Ireland department (whether under arrangements with any other person or not) for any purposes connected with employment or training in the case of persons of a particular category or description;
  - (b) any arrangements of a description specified in such regulations, being arrangements made by a Northern Ireland department for any such purposes.
- (5) Regulations under paragraph (1) may, in particular, authorise information supplied to a person under the regulations—
- (a) to be used for the purpose of amending or supplementing other information held by that person; and
  - (b) if it is so used, to be supplied to any other person, and used for any purpose, to whom or for which that other information could be supplied or used.
- (6) In this Article—
- “relevant purposes” means purposes connected with—
- (a) social security or child support, or
  - (b) employment or training;
- “social security information” means information relating to social security, child support or war pensions and in this paragraph “war pensions” means war pensions within the meaning of section 25 of the Social Security Act 1989 (establishment and functions of war pensions committees).
- (7) Any reference in this Article to purposes connected with employment or training includes purposes connected with the existing or future employment or training prospects or needs of persons, and (in particular) assisting or encouraging persons to enhance their employment prospects.