
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations provide that payments from the London Emergencies Trust (registered charity number 1172307 and company number 09928465) and the We Love Manchester Emergency Fund (registered charity number 1173260) (“the Charities”) are to be disregarded for certain social security purposes. The Charities will make payments to victims of the terrorist attacks in London and Manchester in 2017, and their dependents.

Regulations 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 amend the following sets of regulations to provide that payments from the Charities shall not be taken into account in the calculation of income or capital.

- the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987;
- the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996;
- the State Pension Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003;
- the Housing Benefit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006;
- the Housing Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006; and
- the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Regulation 5 amends the Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 to provide that payments made by the Charities are not deducted in calculating the amount of a funeral payment.

These Regulations make in relation to Northern Ireland only provision corresponding to provision contained in Regulations made by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions in relation to Great Britain and accordingly, by virtue of section 149(3) of, and paragraph 10 of Schedule 5 to, the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992, are not subject to the requirement of section 149(2) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee.