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NI COMMISSIONER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

- “Safeguard and promote the rights and best interests of children and young persons” in Northern Ireland (Article 5)
- Have regard to “any relevant provision of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child”(Article 6)

**The Commissioner for Children and Young People
(NI) Order 2003**



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The Way We Work

- Participation of children and young people
- Policy, research and evidence
- Legal, investigations and case work

Key Issues for NICCY

“The Commissioner shall keep under review the adequacy and effectiveness of law, practice and services” **(Article 7)**

- Key Priorities
 - Education Inequalities
 - Child Poverty
 - Adolescent mental health and well-being
- Implementation of children’s rights

What else

- Children and Young People's Strategy
- Safeguarding particularly CSE
- Legacy of Conflict
- Youth Justice
- Guardianship of Separated Children



Thank you