STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2016 No. 411 (C. 32)

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 (Commencement No. 6 and Saving Provision) Order 2016

Made - - - - 23rd November 2016

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by article 2(2) and (4) of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015(**1**).

Those powers are exercisable by the Secretary of State by virtue of Article 4(1)(a) of that Order.

Citation and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 (Commencement No. 6 and Saving Provision) Order 2016.

(2) In this Order, "community care grant" and "crisis loan" have the same meaning as in Part 8 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (the social fund)(**2**).

Provisions coming into force on 28th November 2016

2.—(1) The following provisions of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 come into force on 28th November 2016, in so far as they relate to a community care grant or a crisis loan.

(2) In Part 4 (other benefit changes)—

(a) Articles 76(1) and (3) to (8) (ending of discretionary payments);

(b) paragraphs 1 to 3 of Schedule 8 (social fund discretionary payments: consequential amendments).

(3) In Part 7 of Schedule 12 (repeals: social fund: ending of discretionary payments), the repeals relating to—

(a) the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992;

(b) sections 10 and 147 of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992;

(c) Articles 9(1)(b), 10(1), 11(1), 36 and 38 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998.

(**1**) S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I. 1).
(**2**) 1992 c. 7 (N.I.).

Provisions coming into force on 31st March 2017

3.—(1) The following provisions of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 come into force on 31st March 2017.

(2) In Part 4 (other benefit changes)—

(a) Article 76(2) (abolition of the social fund commissioner);

(b) paragraph 4 of Schedule 8.

(3) In Part 7 of Schedule 12 (social fund: ending of discretionary payments: repeals), the repeals relating to—

(a) Part 1 of Schedule 4 to the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992;

(b) Article 37 of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998;

(c) the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Saving provision

4. The repeals and amendments made by the provisions brought into force by Article 2 do not apply to an application for a community care grant or crisis loan made before 28th November 2016.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

Damian Hinds
Minister of State,
23rd November 2016 Department for Work and Pensions