

Requirement for Background Check from AccessNI

AccessNI was established by a joint programme between the Northern Ireland Office, the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, the Department of Education and the Police Service of Northern Ireland.

AccessNI enables organisations in Northern Ireland to make more informed recruitment decisions by providing criminal history information about anyone seeking paid or unpaid work in certain defined areas, such as working with children or vulnerable adults.

Access NI is part of central government and operates under the provisions of Part V of the Police Act 1997.

Housing Rights will comply with the AccessNI Code of Practice (see <u>www.accessni.gov.uk</u>) to ensure that disclosed information is used fairly, is handled and stored appropriately and kept for only as long as is necessary.

It is our policy to obtain a background check for employees who are working in our Advice Services teams.

This check will be completed before employment commences and only if successful at interview.

For further information, please refer to the Access NI Code of Practice here.