

Notice of Decision

Registrant	Katherine Eileen Magee
Registration number	2091461
Part of Register	Part 2 – Supported Living Worker
Sanction	Warning to remain on your registration for a period of 1 year
Date of Effect	15th July 2025

This is a notice of decision of the Northern Ireland Social Care Council (the Council).

Decision

The Council has decided:

1. that there is sufficient evidence to conclude that there is a realistic prospect that your Fitness to Practise is impaired by reason of misconduct, as defined in Part 1, Rule 4 of the NISCC Fitness to Practise Rules 2019.
2. to issue a warning and direct that a record of the warning should be placed on your entry in the Register for a period of 1 year.

Misconduct

That whilst being registered as a social care worker, and whilst employed as a Team Leader with Leonard Cheshire:

1. In or around the end of August 2024, you encouraged Service User A to enter into an arrangement with their cleaner to collect their medication from the pharmacy. Service User A was unaware that their cleaner was a member of your family. You then proceeded to collect Service User A's medication yourself, telling Service User A that their cleaner (your family member) had done so. You then proceeded to take from Service User A the sum of £10.00 which you advised you would give to the cleaner for completing the task. You therefore procured payment from Service User A under false pretences.
2. Your actions at 1 above, were dishonest.

Reasons

The reasons that this behaviour is considered to constitute impaired fitness to practise are:

- Your actions breached professional boundaries and took advantage of the position of trust which you held with the service user.
- Your actions caused the service user to feel deceived.
- Your behaviour has fallen below the standard expected of a person registered with the Northern Ireland Social Care Council.

NISCC Standards of Conduct and Practice for Social Care Workers

The Standards of Conduct and Practice for Social Care Workers that your behaviour has breached, are as follows:

Standard 2: As a social care worker, you must strive to establish and maintain the trust and confidence of service users and carers. This includes:

2.1 Being honest and trustworthy.

Standard 5: As a social care worker, you must uphold public trust and confidence in social care services. In particular you must not:

- 5.1 Abuse, neglect or harm service users, carers or colleagues;
- 5.2 Exploit service users, carers or colleagues in any way;
- 5.3 Abuse the trust of service users and carers or the access you have to personal information about them or to their property, home or workplace;
- 5.8 Behave in a way, in work or outside work, which would call into question your suitability to work in social care services.

Sanction

Having regard to the document '*Consensual Disposal Indicative Sanctions*' the Council decided that the appropriate sanction was the imposition of a warning on your registration for a period of 1 year.

Reasons for the Sanction

When reaching its decision the Council considered the following factors:

- Your actions were dishonest.
- Your actions constituted financial abuse however, this is at a low level as per Adult Safeguarding findings.
- At the time, the service user felt deceived by your actions.
- Your actions were capable of undermining public confidence in the social care profession.
- Your behaviour has demonstrated a serious disregard for the NISCC Standards of Conduct and Practice.

The following mitigating circumstances were taken into account in reaching this decision:

- You have no previous record of misconduct with the Council.
- You have engaged with the Adult Safeguarding, employer and Council's investigations.
- You have demonstrated insight and remorse for your actions.
- There is no evidence of any negative impact on the service users' long term emotional or financial wellbeing.
- You have prior good work history of 13 years.
- You are currently in employment and have undertaken further training.

Consent

Having been advised of the consequences, and having been recommended to take independent advice, you consented to the imposition of a warning on 1st July 2025. A record of the warning has been placed on your entry in the Register for a period of 1 year and does not affect your ability to practise.

Date of Effect

This warning comes into effect on 15th July 2025.

Helen Mather

15th July 2025

Helen McVicker
Interim Co-Director of Regulation and Standards

Date