

**Notice of Decision**

<b>Registrant</b>	<b>Lynsey Marie Taylor</b>
<b>Registration number</b>	<b>6021800</b>
<b>Part of Register</b>	<b>Part 2 – Adult Domiciliary Care Worker</b>
<b>Sanction</b>	Warning to remain on your registration for a period of two years
<b>Date of Effect</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> February 2026

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 your conviction, as defined in Part 1, Rule 4 of the NISCC Fitness to Practise (Amendment) 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 two years.

**CONVICTION**

Whilst being registered as a Social Care Worker, under the Health and Personal Social Services Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 (as amended), you were convicted of the following offence at the Magistrates Court on 19 May 2025:

- a. [You] on 27/04/25 drove a motor vehicle in a public place, namely within the vicinity of, Cushendall Road, Ballycastle, after consuming so much alcohol that the proportion of it in your breath exceeded the prescribed limit contrary to Article 16(1) (a) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.

And your actions as set out at (a) above show that your fitness to practise is impaired by reason of your conviction.

**Reasons**

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

- The public has the right to expect that social care workers, in whom it places its trust and confidence, to uphold the law and not to engage in offending behaviour, nor otherwise behave in a way in work or outside work which would call into question their suitability to work in social care services.
- Your actions were inappropriate and constituted a criminal offence.
- 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 for Social Care Workers that your behaviour has breached, are:

### **Standard 5**

As a social care worker, you must uphold public trust and confidence in social care services.

In particular you must not:

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 two years.

### **Reasons for the Sanction**

When reaching its decision the Council considered the following factors:

- You pleaded guilty to driving after consuming alcohol in excess of the prescribed limit.
- The Council has considered the court certificate, confirming your guilty plea and court outcome in respect of your offence.
- You placed yourself, your passengers and other road users at risk of serious harm by your actions.
- Your conduct was reckless as minors were present in the car at the time of the incident.
- Your actions are capable of undermining public confidence in the social care profession.
- Your behaviour demonstrated a serious disregard for the NISCC Standards of Conduct and Practice.

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

- The concerns occurred outside of your work.
- You have engaged with the Council's investigation and have provided your reflective account, expressing your regret and insight.
- You informed your employer promptly of your offence and remain in a social care role.
- You have not come to the Council's attention previously.
- You submitted personal mitigation which has been accepted by the Council.
- There has been no repetition of your behaviour.

### **Consent**

Having been advised of the consequences, and having been recommended to take independent advice, you consented to the imposition of a warning on 16 February 2026. A record of the warning has been placed on your entry in the Register for a period of **two years** and does not affect your ability to practise.

### **Date of Effect**

This warning comes into effect on 26 February 2026.

*Robert Mancher*

26 February 2026

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Interim Co-Director of Regulation and Standards

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Date