

Notice of Decision

Registrant	Margaret Bridget Feenan
Registration number	1143760
Part of Register	Part 2 – Adult Residential Care Worker
Sanction	Warning to remain on your registration for a period of 2 years
Date of Effect	22nd July 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 a conviction in the United Kingdom for a criminal offence, 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 2 years.

Conviction in the United Kingdom for a criminal offence

- That, whilst registered as a social care worker under the Health and Personal Social Services Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 (as amended), and whilst employed by The Beeches Professional and Therapeutic Services as a Senior Support Worker, on 1 July 2025, you were convicted at the Magistrates' Court of the following offences:
 1. On 4th May 2025, when in the course of an investigation into whether you had committed an offence of driving a motor vehicle on a road, namely Kilbegs Road Antrim, in contravention of Article 16(1)(a) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, without reasonable excuse failed to provide a specimen of breath when required to do so in pursuance of Article 18 of the said Order contrary to Article 18(7) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.
 2. On 3rd May 2025, being the driver of a mechanically propelled vehicle and knowing that an accident had occurred owing to the presence of that vehicle on a road or other public place whereby damage was caused to property other than the vehicle or property in or on the vehicle or property of your own or of the owner of the vehicle failed to stop contrary to Article 175 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981.
 3. On 3rd May 2025, being the driver of a mechanically propelled vehicle and knowing that an accident had occurred owing to the presence of that vehicle on a road or other public place whereby damage was caused to property other than the vehicle or property in or on the vehicle or property of your own or of the owner of the vehicle failed to keep the vehicle standing at or near the place where the accident occurred for such a period as was reasonable in all the circumstances contrary to Article 175 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981.
 4. On 3rd May 2025, being the driver of a mechanically propelled vehicle and knowing that an accident had occurred owing to the presence of that vehicle on a road or other public place whereby damage was caused to property other than the vehicle or property in or on the vehicle or property of your own

or of the owner of the vehicle and not having given the particulars required by Article 175(1)(iii) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 failed forthwith to report the accident and give these particulars namely your name and address the name and address of the owner of the vehicle and the identification mark or number of the vehicle at a Police Station or to a member of the Police Service of Northern Ireland contrary to Article 175 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981.

5. On 3rd May 2025, drove a mechanically propelled vehicle dangerously on a road, namely consecutive roads between and including Ballymena Road, Antrim and Kilbegs Road, Antrim, contrary to Article 10 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.

Reasons

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

- You drove your car, having admitted to have been drinking alcohol before doing so.
- Your behaviour was reckless, causing damage to property, and had the potential to cause grave injury to pedestrians or other road users.
- Your actions have the potential to erode public trust and confidence in social care services.
- 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 of Conduct 5: As a social care worker, you must uphold public trust and confidence in social care services.

In particular you must not:

5.7 Put yourself or other people at unnecessary risk;

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 2 years.

Reasons for the Sanction

When reaching its decision, the Council considered the following aggravating factors:

- You drove your car having consumed alcohol, and continued to drive, even after a collision with a road sign.
- Your behaviour was reckless and had the potential to cause grave injury to pedestrians or other road users.
- You did not report the incident to your employer or the Council at the earliest opportunity.

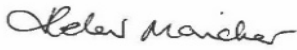
The following mitigating circumstances were taken into account in reaching this decision:

- The incident occurred outside of work, and no service users were involved.
- You have not been brought to the Council's attention prior to this incident, and have been practising as a Social Care worker for over 19 years without any concerns.

- You engaged with the Council and your employer following your conviction, making admissions and providing a reflective account.

Date of Effect

This warning comes into effect on 22nd July 2026. A record of the warning has been placed on your entry in the Register for a period of 2 years and does not affect your ability to practise.



Director of Regulation and Standards (Interim)

22nd July 2026

Date

You have the right to appeal this decision to the Care Tribunal. Any appeal must be lodged in writing within 28 days from the date of this Notice of Decision.