

Notice of Decision

Registrant	Jodie Elizabeth Mary Barr
Registration number	1134022
Part of Register	Part 1 – Qualified Social Worker
Sanction	Warning to remain on your registration for a period of one year
Date of Effect	2 nd October 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 one year.

A conviction in the United Kingdom for a criminal offence

That whilst registered as a social worker and whilst employed by the Northern Health and Social Care Trust, you were convicted of the following offence at the Magistrates Court on 19th February 2026:

- a. [You] on 24/01/2026, drove a motor vehicle on a road, namely within the vicinity of Tullygarley Road, Ballymena, 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.

Reasons

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

- Service users have the right to expect that social workers, in whom they place their trust, will uphold the law.
- Your behaviour placed members of the public and yourself at risk of harm.
- 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 Workers

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

Standard 5: As a social worker, you must uphold public trust and confidence in social work 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 "*Indicative Sanctions, Interim Orders and Consensual Disposal: Guidance for Fitness to Practise Committees, Fitness to Practise Officers and Preliminary Proceedings Committees (V2 July 2026)*", the Council decided that the appropriate sanction was the imposition of a warning on your registration for a period of one year.

Reasons for the Sanction

When reaching its decision the Council considered the following factors:

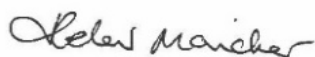
- Your conduct posed a real risk of harm both to yourself and members of the public.
- Your conduct has the potential to bring the profession into disrepute.
- Your behaviour has demonstrated a disregard for the NISCC Standards of Conduct and Practice.
- Your actions occurred outside the workplace and outside of your working hours.
- You have taken steps to address your behaviour.
- You self-reported the matter to the Council and your employer.
- You have cooperated with the fitness to practice process and provided insight regarding your behaviour.
- You have no previous record of misconduct with the Council.

Consent

Having been advised of the consequences, and having been recommended to take independent advice, you consented to the imposition of a warning on 25th September 2026. A record of the warning has been placed on your entry in the Register for a period of one year and does not affect your ability to practise.

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Director of Regulation and Standards (Interim)

2nd October 2026

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