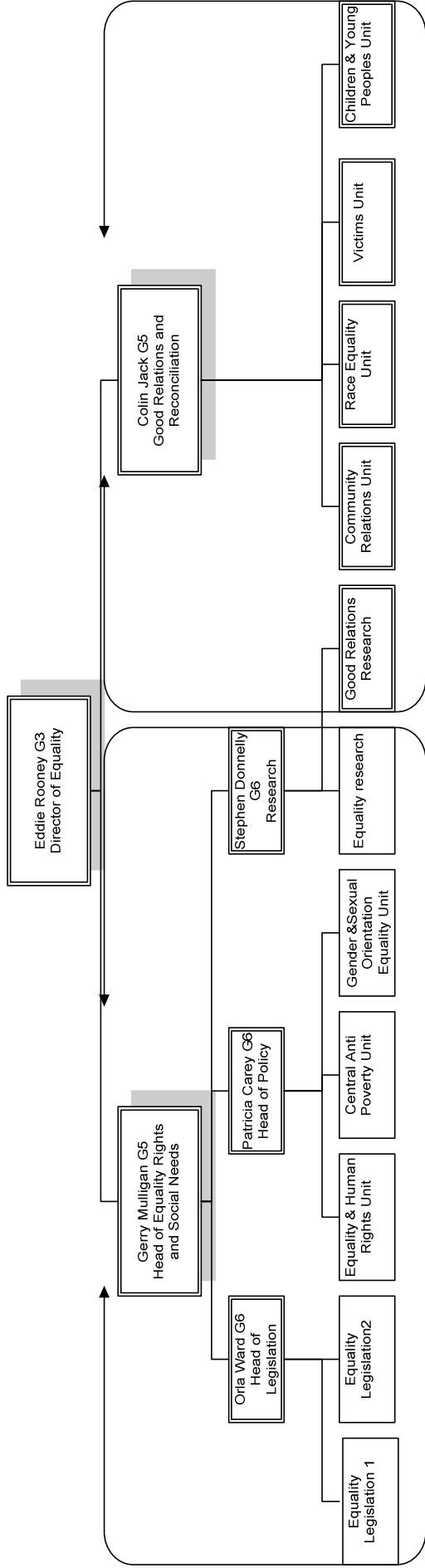


# Equality Directorate OFMdfM



## Equality Legislation 1

**Key functions:** The creation of legislation for the creation of an Older Peoples' Commission.

## Equality Legislation 2

**Key functions:** The unit is responsible for developing anti-discrimination policy on disability and preparing legislation under the Disability Discrimination Act 1985. Also the writing of legislation to implement EU Directives regarding equality.

## Equality & Human Rights

**Key Function:** The unit is responsible for the promotion of statutory obligations arising from Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 and the promotion of Human Rights within the Northern Ireland Civil Service.

## Central Anti Poverty Unit

**Key Function:** The unit has overall responsibility for developing, co-ordinating and driving the Government's priorities for tackling poverty and social exclusion. Also the creation and sponsorship of the Advocate for Older People.

## GSOEU

**Key Function:** The Gender and Sexual Orientation Equality unit is responsible for supporting and co-ordinating actions across departments and their agencies, to implement the Gender Equality Strategy.

## Equality Research

**Key Function:** Provide a research and statistical resource to the Equality Division.

## Good Relations Research

**Key Function:** Provide a research and statistical resource to the GR&RD

## Community Relations

**Key Function:** The unit's aims are to increase cross-community contact and co-operation and to encourage mutual respect, understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity.

## Race equality

**Key Function:** The unit's aim is to promote racial equality in Northern Ireland. We have central responsibility for policy relating to people from minority ethnic backgrounds.

## Victims

**Key Function:** The unit's role is to raise awareness of, and co-ordinate activity on, issues affecting victims of the troubles across the devolved administration and throughout Northern Ireland in general.

## C&YPU

**Key Function:** The branch was established to ensure that the rights and needs of children and young people living in Northern Ireland are given a high priority.