



# Treatment of Offenders Act (Northern Ireland) 1968

## 1968 CHAPTER 29

### PART I

#### PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO SENTENCES ON AND DETENTION OF YOUNG OFFENDERS

##### INSTITUTIONS FOR OFFENDERS

## 2 Young offenders centres and remand centres.

The powers exercisable by the Ministry of Home Affairs<sup>F1</sup> (in this Act referred to as “the Ministry” ) under the Prison Act shall include the provision, maintenance, administration, regulation and management of—

- (a) [<sup>F2</sup>young offenders centres, that is to say, places—
  - (i) in which offenders, who have been ordered to be detained therein under any enactment, may be kept for suitable training and instruction; and
  - (ii) in which persons not less than<sup>F3</sup> fifteen] but under 21 years of age who are either remanded in custody or committed in custody for trial may be detained in accordance with any enactment.]
- (b) remand centres, that is to say, places—
  - (i) for the detention of persons not less than<sup>F3</sup> fifteen] but under twenty-one years of age who are either remanded or committed in custody for trial; and
  - (ii) for the detention for any temporary purpose, or for the purpose of providing maintenance, domestic and other services for that centre, of any persons required to be detained in an institution to which the Prison Act applies; and

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(c) facilities in remand centres for the observation of any person detained therein on whose physical or mental condition a medical report may be desirable for the assistance of the court in determining the most suitable method of dealing with his case;

and accordingly, that Act shall have effect in relation to young offenders centres and remand centres and to persons detained therein as it has effect in relation to prisons and prisoners,<sup>F4</sup> . . .

**Annotations:**

- F1** Functions transf., SI 1973/2163
- F2** [1989 NI 15](#)
- F3** [1998 NI 9](#)
- F4** [2005 NI 15](#)

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**4 Exercise of powers of release.**

Any power conferred by or under any enactment to release a person from a prison or other institution to which the Prison Act applies may be exercised notwithstanding that he is not for the time being detained in that prison or institution and a person released by virtue of this section shall, after his release, be treated in all respects as if he had been released from that prison or institution.

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