



2015 CHAPTER 9

PART 9

MISCELLANEOUS

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96.—(1) Section 5 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 (offence of causing or allowing the death of a child or vulnerable adult) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1)—

(a) in paragraph (a) after “dies” insert “ or suffers serious physical harm ”;

(b) in paragraph (d) for “V's death” substitute “ the death or serious physical harm ”.

(3) In subsection (3)(a) for “V's death” substitute “ the death or serious physical harm ”.

(4) In subsection (4)(b) for “V's death” substitute “ the death or serious physical harm ”.

(5) In subsection (7) after “this section” insert “ of causing or allowing a person's death ”.

(6) After that subsection insert—

“(8) A person guilty of an offence under this section of causing or allowing a person to suffer serious physical harm is liable on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 years or to a fine, or to both.”.

Changes to legislation: *Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2015, Cross Heading: Causing or allowing child or vulnerable adult to suffer serious physical harm is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 03 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes*

(7) For the cross-heading before section 5 substitute “ Causing or allowing a child or vulnerable adult to die or suffer serious physical harm ”.

(8) Schedule 6 (which contains amendments consequential on this section) has effect.

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Commencement Information

II S. 96 in operation at 29.1.2016 by S.R. 2015/418, **art. 2(b)**

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 13(2)(2A) substituted for s. 13(2) by [2022 c. 4 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(5\)](#)
- s. 13(4)(5) added by [2022 c. 4 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(6\)](#)
- s. 13A inserted by [2022 c. 4 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(7\)](#)
- s. 13A inserted by [2022 c. 4 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(7\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 8(1) Sch. 2 para. 8 renumbered as Sch. 2 para. 8(1) by [2022 c. 4 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(9\)\(f\)\(i\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 8(2) inserted by [2022 c. 4 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(9\)\(f\)\(iii\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 8(1) words substituted by [2022 c. 4 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(9\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#)