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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1978 No. 460 (N.I. 5)**

**Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 1978**

- - - - - [21st March 1978]

**Title and commencement**

**1.**—(1) This Order may be cited as the Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 ...  
*Commencement ...*

*Para. (2) rep. by 1999 NI 8*

**Interpretation**

**2.**—(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 shall apply to Article 1 and the following provisions of this Order as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

*Paras. (2)#(4) rep. by 2003 NI 13*

*Art. 3 rep. by 2003 NI 13*

*Arts. 4 and 5 rep. by 1999 NI 8*

*Arts. 6 and 7 rep. by 1999 c.23*

*Art. 8 rep. by 1994 NI 15*

**Changes to legislation:**

Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 29 April 2023. 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.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- Instrument am (prosp) by [S.I. 1994/2795 \(N.I.\) art.18](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:**

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

- art.6(3) rev in pt (prosp) by [S.I. 1994/2795 \(N.I.\) art.26\(2\)Sch.3](#)
- art.6(7)(a) rev (prosp) by [S.I. 1994/2795 \(N.I.\) art.26\(2\)Sch.3](#)