
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2006 No. 2953

The Victims and Survivors (Northern Ireland) Order 2006

Introductory

Title and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Victims and Survivors (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.
- (2) The following provisions of this Order come into operation two weeks after the day on which this Order is made—
- (a) this Article; and
 - (b) Articles 2 and 3.
- (3) The other provisions of this Order come into operation on such day or days as the Office may by order appoint.
- (4) An order under paragraph (3) may contain such transitional provisions as appear to the Office to be appropriate.

Interpretation: general

- 2.—(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 (c. 33) applies to this Order as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.
- (2) In this Order—
- “the Commissioner” means the Commissioner for Victims and Survivors for Northern Ireland;
 - “conflict-related incident” means an incident appearing to the Commissioner to be a violent incident occurring in or after 1966 in connection with the affairs of Northern Ireland;
 - “information” includes information recorded in any form;
 - “the Office” means the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister;
 - “practice” includes policy.

Interpretation: “victim and survivor”

- 3.—(1) In this Order references to “victim and survivor” are references to an individual appearing to the Commissioner to be any of the following—
- (a) someone who is or has been physically or psychologically injured as a result of or in consequence of a conflict-related incident;
 - (b) someone who provides a substantial amount of care on a regular basis for an individual mentioned in paragraph (a); or
 - (c) someone who has been bereaved as a result of or in consequence of a conflict-related incident.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), an individual may be psychologically injured as a result of or in consequence of—

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- (a) witnessing a conflict-related incident or the consequences of such an incident; or
- (b) providing medical or other emergency assistance to an individual in connection with a conflict-related incident.