

*These notes refer to the Justice Act (Northern Ireland)
2011 (c.24) which received Royal Assent on 4 May 2011*

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

OVERVIEW

14. The Act consists of 112 sections and 8 Schedules and is divided into 10 Parts.
15. [Part 1](#) of the Act provides new services to victims and witnesses. Chapter 1 creates a new offender levy and Chapter 2 expands the special measures facilities available to vulnerable and intimidated witnesses. Part 2 provides an expansion in court services by extending the range of matters that can be dealt with by way of live video link.
16. [Part 3](#) creates new Policing and Community Safety Partnership structures.
17. [Part 4](#) creates a new package of powers in the area of sports and spectator law designed to promote good behaviour amongst sports fans in Northern Ireland.
18. [Part 5](#) provides a series of standalone and individual sentencing powers across a range of areas under the collective heading of Treatment of Offenders.
19. [Part 6](#) creates new alternatives to prosecution by introducing penalty notices and conditional cautions.
20. [Part 7](#) makes a series of changes to legal aid legislation.
21. [Part 8](#) extends solicitors' rights of audience in the higher courts in Northern Ireland.
22. Finally Part 9 provides for improvements to a range of miscellaneous powers available to courts along with several other business improvement matters.