



2015 CHAPTER 9

PART 6

CHILD PROTECTION DISCLOSURES

Child protection disclosures

48.—(1) The Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 is amended as follows.

(2) In Article 49(1) (interpretation of Part 3)—

(a) after the definition of “agencies” insert—

““child” means a person under the age of 18;

“conviction” includes—

(i) a conviction by or before a court outside Northern Ireland;

(ii) any finding (other than a finding linked with a finding of insanity) in any criminal proceedings that a person has committed an offence or done the act or made the omission charged;

(iii) a caution given to a person in respect of an offence which, at the time when the caution was given, the person has admitted;”;

(b) after the definition of “specified” insert—

““relevant previous conviction”, in relation to a person, means a conviction for a sexual or violent offence by reason of which the person falls within a specified description of persons;”.

(3) In Article 50 (guidance to agencies on assessing and managing certain risks to the public) after paragraph (2) insert—

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“(2A) Guidance under this Article must contain provisions about arrangements for considering the disclosure, to any particular member of the public, of information concerning any relevant previous convictions of a person where it is necessary to protect a particular child or particular children from serious harm caused by that person; and the guidance may, in particular, contain provisions for the purpose of preventing a member of the public from disclosing that information to any other person.”.

(4) In Article 50(3) for “Paragraph (2) does” substitute “ Paragraphs (2) and (2A) do ”.

Commencement Information

II [S. 48](#) in operation at 14.3.2016 by [S.R. 2016/136](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

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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\(9\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#)