



## 2021 CHAPTER 2

### PART 1

#### Domestic abuse: offence and aggravation

#### CHAPTER 3

#### Miscellaneous provision

#### *Definitions for child cruelty offence*

#### **Meaning of ill-treatment etc. in offence provision**

**21** In section 20 (cruelty to persons under 16) of the Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1968—

- (a) in subsection (1), the words from “(including” to “derangement)” are repealed,
- (b) before paragraph (a) of subsection (2) insert—
  - “(za) a reference to—
    - (i) ill-treatment is to ill-treatment whether physical or otherwise;
    - (ii) suffering or injury is to suffering or injury whether physical or otherwise;”.

#### **Commencement Information**

**11** S. 21 in operation at 21.2.2022 by S.R. 2022/57, art. 2(u)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Domestic Abuse and Civil Proceedings Act (Northern Ireland) 2021, Cross Heading: Definitions for child cruelty offence.