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## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# 1987 No. 2203

## The Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987

### PART II

#### ARRANGEMENTS FOR ADOPTION

##### *Adoption societies*

##### **Inactive or defunct adoption societies**

**8.**—(1) If it appears to the Department that a [<sup>F1</sup>body which is or has been an appropriate voluntary organisation] is inactive or defunct, the Department may, in relation to any child who is or was in the care of the [<sup>F2</sup>organisation], direct [<sup>F3</sup>an][<sup>F4</sup>HSC trust] to take such action as might have been taken by the [<sup>F2</sup>organisation] or by the [<sup>F2</sup>organisation] jointly with some other body (including [<sup>F3</sup>an][<sup>F4</sup>HSC trust]).

(2) Before giving a direction under paragraph (1), the Department shall, if practicable, consult both the [<sup>F2</sup>organisation] and the <sup>F5</sup>... [<sup>F4</sup>HSC trust].

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| <b>F1</b> | Words in art. 8(1) substituted (29.10.2010) by <a href="#">Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/431 (N.I. 9))</a> , arts. 1(3), 50(1), Sch. 4; S.R. 2010/288, <b>art. 3</b> , Sch. 1 |
| <b>F2</b> | Word in art. 8 substituted (29.10.2010) by <a href="#">Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/431 (N.I. 9))</a> , arts. 1(3), 50(1), Sch. 4; S.R. 2010/288, <b>art. 3</b> , Sch. 1     |
| <b>F3</b> | Word in art. 8(1) substituted (1.4.2022) by <a href="#">Health and Social Care Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (c. 3)</a> , s. 8(1)(b), <b>Sch. 1 para. 105(2)</b> ; S.R. 2022/102, art. 2(b)  |
| <b>F4</b> | Words in Order substituted (1.4.2009) by <a href="#">Health and Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009 (c. 1)</a> , ss. 32, 34(3), <b>Sch. 6 para. 1(1)(d)</b> (with Sch. 6 para. 1(3)); S.R. 2009/114, <b>art. 2</b>                                    |
| <b>F5</b> | Words in art. 8(2) omitted (1.4.2022) by virtue of <a href="#">Health and Social Care Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (c. 3)</a> , s. 8(1)(b), <b>Sch. 1 para. 105(3)</b> ; S.R. 2022/102, art. 2(b)   |

**Changes to legislation:**

The Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987, Section 8 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 18 April 2024. 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 the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:**

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

- s. 6(2) words inserted by [S.I. 2019/1514 reg. 29\(4\)](#)
- art. 60(1A) inserted by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 4 para. 6\(a\)](#)