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## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# 1997 No. 1183

## The Social Security (Recovery of Benefits) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997

### *Courts*

#### **Court orders**

17.—(1) This Article applies where a court makes an order for a compensation payment to be made in any case, unless the order is made with the consent of the injured person and the person by whom the payment is to be made.

(2) The court shall, in the case of each head of compensation listed in column (1) of Schedule 2 to which any of the compensation payment is attributable, specify in the order the amount of the compensation payment which is attributable to that head.

#### **Payments into court**

18.—(1) Regulations may make provision (including provision modifying this Order) for any case in which a payment into court is made.

(2) The regulations may (among other things) provide—

- (a) for the making of a payment into court to be treated in prescribed circumstances as the making of a compensation payment,
- (b) for application for, and issue of, certificates of recoverable benefits, and
- (c) for the relevant period to be treated as ending on a date determined in accordance with the regulations.

(3) Rules of court and county court rules may make provision governing practice and procedure in such cases.

#### **Benefits irrelevant to assessment of damages**

19. In assessing damages in respect of any accident, injury or disease, the amount of any listed benefits paid or likely to be paid is to be disregarded.

**Changes to legislation:**

The Social Security (Recovery of Benefits) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997, Cross Heading: Courts is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 24 August 2023. 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 :**

- power to am. (prosp.) by [1998 c. 47 s.87](#)