

## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

### 2003 No. 424

## The Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 2003

### PART IV

### SCHOOLS

#### *Welfare and protection of pupils*

#### **Child protection measures**

**18.**—(1) It shall be the duty of the Board of Governors of a grant-aided school—

- (a) to determine the measures to be taken at the school (whether by the Board of Governors, the staff of the school or other persons) with a view to protecting pupils from abuse (whether at school or elsewhere);
- (b) to review those measures—
  - (i) from time to time; and
  - (ii) (without prejudice to head (i)) at such times as the Department may direct;
- (c) in determining or reviewing those measures to have regard to any guidance given by the Department, [<sup>F1</sup>the Authority]<sup>F2</sup>... and (in the case of a Catholic maintained school) the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools;
- (d) to prepare a written statement of such measures and to secure that—
  - (i) a copy of that statement is given (free of charge) to the parents of all registered pupils at the school and to the staff of the school; and
  - (ii) copies of the statement are available for inspection (at all reasonable times and free of charge) at the school; and
- (e) to secure that such measures are taken.

(2) Directions under paragraph (1)(b)(ii) may be given—

- (a) in relation to grant-aided schools generally;
- (b) in relation to a class or description of grant-aided school; or
- (c) in relation to any particular grant-aided school or schools.

(3) In this Article “abuse” includes sexual abuse and abuse causing physical or mental harm to a child.

**F1** Words in *Order* substituted (1.4.2015) by *Education Act (Northern Ireland) 2014* (c. 12), s. 7(2)(c), *Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(a)* (with *Sch. 2 para. 4(3)*, *Sch. 3 para. 1(2)*); S.R. 2015/35, art. 2(b)

**F2** Words in art. 18(1)(c) repealed (1.4.2015) by *Education Act (Northern Ireland) 2014* (c. 12), s. 7(2)(c), *Sch. 4* (with *Sch. 2 para. 4(3)*); S.R. 2015/35, art. 2(b)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, Section 18.