

SEXUAL OFFENCES (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2008

S.I. 2008 No. 1769 (N.I. 2)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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POLICY BACKGROUND

The Provisions

Part 4 – Sexual offences against a person with a mental disorder

Care workers for persons with a mental disorder

Article 56: Articles 51 to 54: exception for spouses and civil partners

7.120. This Article provides A with a defence to the offences under sections 51 to 54 if he proves he was lawfully married or a civil partner to B at the time of the sexual activity and B was over 16.