
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2005 No. 221

**The Children (Leaving Care)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005**

Representations

12.—(1) The Representations Procedure (Children) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(1) shall be amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 1 (Citation, commencement and interpretation) –

- (a) in the definition of “complainant”, for “qualifying for advice and assistance” substitute “falling within Article 34B, 34D, 35 or 35B(3) of the Order making any representations”;
- (b) in the definition of “representations”, for “37(1)” substitute “35D(1)”.

(3) After regulation 2 (authority action), there shall be inserted the following new regulation –

“Local resolution

2A.—(1) Where an authority receives any representation from a person specified in Article 35D(1) of the Order it shall –

- (a) provide the person appointed under regulation 2(1) with a written summary of the representation;
- (b) endeavour by informal means to reach a settlement to the satisfaction of the complainant within 14 days; and
- (c) if at the end of 14 days no resolution has been achieved, notify the person appointed under regulation 2(1).”.

(4) In regulation 3 (preliminaries), in paragraph (1) for the words from “an authority” to “the authority” substitute –

- “(a) a person to whom it applies is dissatisfied with the outcome of the procedure set out in regulation 2A; or
- (b) an authority receives representations from any other complainant, except from a person to whom Article 45(3)(e) of the Order may apply, the authority”.