



# Northern Ireland (Location of Victims' Remains) Act 1999

## 1999 CHAPTER 7

### 4 Restrictions on forensic testing.

- (1) A person who has received any human remains or other item obtained (directly or indirectly) as a result of relevant information being provided to the Commission shall not carry out, or cause or permit anyone else to carry out, a test or procedure in relation to the item the purpose of which is—
  - (a) to discover information about anything done to any person, or with or in relation to any item;
  - (b) to discover who has been in contact with, or near to, any person or item;
  - (c) to discover where any person or item was at any time (including the conditions under which he or it was kept);
  - (d) to discover when any person or item was in contact with, or near to, a particular person or when he or it was in a particular place or kept under particular conditions;
  - (e) to discover when or where any item was made; or
  - (f) to discover the composition of any item.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not prohibit a test or procedure the purpose of which is to discover information in relation to an item where the information is sought for the purpose of establishing, for the purposes of an inquest, the identity of a deceased person, or how, when and where he died.
- (3) Subsection (1)(f) does not prohibit a test or procedure the purpose of which is to determine whether an item can safely be moved or otherwise dealt with.

**Status:**

Prospective version(s) available.

**Changes to legislation:**

Northern Ireland (Location of Victims' Remains) Act 1999, Section 4 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 20 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 :**

- s. 4(2) words substituted by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 21 para. 43](#)