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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 13

#### CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS OF PERSONS UNDER 18: NORTHERN IRELAND

##### PART 2

##### DISPENSING WITH CONSENT

##### *Order dispensing with consent*

PROSPECTIVE

- 3 (1) This paragraph applies if—
- (a) a young person and another person intend to register as civil partners of each other, and
  - (b) a county court is satisfied as mentioned in sub-paragraphs (3) and (4).
- (2) A county court may make an order dispensing with the consent of any person whose consent is required.
- (3) The court must be satisfied that the registration of the civil partnership is in the best interests of the young person.
- (4) The court must be satisfied that—
- (a) it is not reasonably practicable to obtain the consent of any person whose consent is required,
  - (b) any person whose consent is required withholds or refuses that consent, or
  - (c) there is uncertainty as to whose consent is required.
- (5) An application for an order under this paragraph may be made—
- (a) by or on behalf of the young person, or
  - (b) by or on behalf of the other person (who may be another young person) mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(a),
- and without the intervention of a next friend.
- (6) The decision of the county court on any application made under this paragraph is final and conclusive.

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- s. 102(8A) inserted by [2023 asp 3 s. 56\(2\)](#)
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- s. 108(5) inserted by [2023 asp 3 s. 56\(8\)](#)
- s. 213(1A) inserted by [2013 c. 30 Sch. 2 para. 5\(2\)](#)