



Public Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1967

1967 CHAPTER 36

PART I

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

3 Power of resident magistrate to order medical investigation.

- (1) If a resident magistrate is satisfied, on the evidence of [^{F1}the Director of Public Health]^{F2} . . . , that—
- (a) there is reason to believe that some person ^{F3} . . . is, or has been, suffering from, or is a carrier of, a notifiable disease, and
 - (b) in the interest of that person, or in the interest of his family, or in the public interest, it is expedient that he should undergo a medical investigation, and
 - (c) that person is not under the treatment of a medical practitioner or that the medical practitioner who is treating him consents to the making of an order under this section,

the magistrate may order that person to undergo a medical investigation by [^{F1}the Director of Public Health], or by a medical practitioner nominated by [^{F1}the Director of Public Health] and approved by the magistrate.

- (2) Any person who fails to comply with an order made under subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence under this Part and shall, until such time as [^{F1}the Director of Public Health] is satisfied that he is not suffering from a notifiable disease, or, as the case may be, is not a carrier of such a disease, be deemed—
- (a) for the purposes of sections 4 and 10, to be suffering, and to know that he is suffering, from a notifiable disease, and
 - (b) for the purposes of sections 4 to 15, to be a carrier of an infectious disease.

F1 Words in Act substituted (1.4.2009) by [Health and Social Care \(Reform\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2009](#) (c. 1), ss. 32, 34(3), [Sch. 6 para. 2\(1\)](#); S.R. 2009/114, [art. 2](#)

F2 Words in s. 3(1) repealed (1.4.2009) by [Health and Social Care \(Reform\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2009](#) (c. 1), ss. 33, 34(3), [Sch. 7](#); S.R. 2009/114, [art. 2](#)

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