



## 2016 CHAPTER 18

### PART 15

#### SUPPLEMENTARY

##### *Warrants*

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**292.**—(1) This section applies if it appears to a lay magistrate, on complaint on oath made by an officer of an HSC trust or a constable—

- (a) that there is reasonable cause to believe that a relevant person is to be found on any premises;
- (b) that admission to the premises has been refused or that a refusal of such admission is apprehended; and
- (c) that it is reasonable in the circumstances to issue a warrant.

(2) The lay magistrate may issue a warrant authorising any constable accompanied by a medical practitioner to enter the premises, if need be by force, and remove the relevant person.

(3) A constable executing a warrant under subsection (2) may be accompanied by an approved social worker (as well as a medical practitioner).

(4) It is not necessary to name the relevant person in any complaint or warrant under this section.

(5) In this section “relevant person” means a person who—

- (a) by virtue of this Act, is liable to be detained in a place in circumstances amounting to a deprivation of liberty; and
- (b) is, by virtue of this Act, to be taken to that place.

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#### **Commencement Information**

- II** S. 292 in operation at 2.12.2019 for specified purposes by S.R. 2019/163, art. 2(4), **Sch. Pt. 4** (with art. 3) (as amended by S.R. 2019/190, art. 2)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 285(2)(a)-(c) substituted for s. 285(2)(a)(b) by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 77\(b\)](#)