
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 3160

The Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1996

^{F1}PART II

TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS

Miscellaneous

Savings for mitigation and mentally disordered offenders

36.—(1) Nothing in this Part [^{F1}or Part 2 of the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008] shall prevent a court from mitigating an offender's sentence by taking into account any such matters as, in the opinion of the court, are relevant in mitigation of sentence.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), nothing in this Part shall prevent a court—

- (a) from mitigating any penalty included in an offender's sentence by taking into account any other penalty included in that sentence; or
 - (b) in a case of an offender who is convicted of one or more other offences, from mitigating his sentence by applying any rule of law as to the totality of sentences.
- (3) Nothing in this Part shall be taken—
- (a) as requiring a court to pass a custodial sentence, or any particular custodial sentence, on a mentally disordered offender; or
 - (b) as restricting any power (whether under the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 or otherwise) which enables a court to deal with such an offender in the manner it considers to be most appropriate in all the circumstances.

F1 Words in art. 36(1) inserted (15.5.2008) by [Criminal Justice \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1216 \(N.I. 1\)\)](#), arts. 1(4), 102(1), [Sch. 5 para. 7\(7\)](#); S.R. 2008/217, [art. 2](#), Sch. (subject to saving in art. 3(1)(2)(b)(ii))

Changes to legislation:

The Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, Section 36 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 19 June 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 :

- [Instrument rev. in pt. by 1998 c. 40 s.9\(1\)\(2\)Sch.1 Pt.II para.10Sch.2 Pt.II](#)

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

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

- [Sch. 2 para. 9\(1\)\(a\)\(i\) words repealed by 2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 112\(5\)\(e\)Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#)
- [art. 44A\(4\) words substituted by S.I. 2008/1216 \(N.I.\) Sch. 5 para. 7\(9\) \(This amendment not applied to \[legislation.gov.uk\]\(#\). It is thought that the correct affected document should be S.I. 1998/1504 \(N.I. 9\), art. 44A\(4\). The correction will be made as soon as we get the approved amended document from the relevant office\)](#)
- [art. 53\(1\) art. 53 renumbered as art. 53\(1\) by 2019 c. 17 s. 44\(6\)](#)
- [art. 53\(1\)\(a\) substituted by 2019 c. 17 s. 43\(2\)](#)
- [art. 53\(2\)-\(9\) inserted by 2019 c. 17 s. 44\(7\)](#)
- [art. 54A inserted by 2019 c. 17 s. 37\(3\)](#)