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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1998 No. 1504**

**The Criminal Justice (Children) (Northern Ireland) Order 1998**

**PART IV**

**CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS**

**Exclusion of child from court during the trial of other persons**

**18.**—(1) A court shall not permit—

- (a) a child under the age of 14 (other than a baby); and
- (b) a child who has attained that age in any proceedings in relation to any conduct of an indecent or immoral nature, where the court so directs,

to be present in court during the trial of any other person charged with an offence, or during any preliminary proceedings, except during such time as his presence is required as a witness or otherwise for the purposes of justice.

(2) Any child under the age of 14 present in court when under this Article he is not permitted to be so, and any child who has attained that age and who is so present while any such direction is in force, shall be ordered to be removed from the court.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Criminal Justice (Children) (Northern Ireland) Order 1998, Section 18.