

## 2021 CHAPTER 2

# PART 1

Domestic abuse: offence and aggravation

## CHAPTER 1

Offence of domestic abuse

Applicable rules and penalty

## Exception where responsibility for children

11 .—(1) A person ("A") does not commit the domestic abuse offence in relation to another person ("B") by engaging in behaviour that is abusive of B at a time when—

- (a) B is under 16 years of age, and
- (b) A has responsibility for B.

(2) Section 36 of the Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1968 applies for the purposes of determining whether A has responsibility for B as it applies for the purposes of determining whether a person has responsibility for a child or young person within the meaning of that Act.

#### **Commencement Information**

II S. 11 in operation at 21.2.2022 by S.R. 2022/57, art. 2(k)

#### Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Domestic Abuse and Civil Proceedings Act (Northern Ireland) 2021, Section 11.