



## 2021 CHAPTER 2

### PART 1

#### Domestic abuse: offence and aggravation

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###### 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.