



2021 CHAPTER 2

PART 1

Domestic abuse: offence and aggravation

CHAPTER 3

Miscellaneous provision

Criminal cases involving domestic abuse

Special measures directions

23.—(1) The Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 is amended as follows.

(2) In Article 5 (witnesses eligible for assistance on grounds of fear or distress about testifying)—

(a) in paragraph (4), for “a sexual offence or a slavery or human trafficking offence” substitute “ an offence listed in paragraph (5) ”,

(b) after paragraph (4) insert—

“(5) The offences are—

(a) a sexual offence,

(b) a slavery or human trafficking offence,

(c) an offence involving domestic abuse (see Article 3A).”.

(3) In Article 13(4)(a) (evidence given in private), for “a sexual offence or a slavery or human trafficking offence” substitute “ an offence listed in Article 5(5) ”.

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Commencement Information

II [S. 23](#) in operation at 21.2.2022 by [S.R. 2022/57](#), **art. 2(w)**

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