



2021 CHAPTER 2

PART 1

Domestic abuse: offence and aggravation

CHAPTER 3

Miscellaneous provision

*Guidance and operational matters*

**Guidance about domestic abuse**

- 30.**—(1) The Department of Justice must issue guidance about—
- (a) the effect of this Part, and
  - (b) such other matters as the Department considers appropriate as to criminal law or procedure relating to domestic abuse in Northern Ireland.
- (2) A person exercising public functions to whom guidance issued under this section relates must have regard to it in the exercise of those functions.
- (3) The Department of Justice must—
- (a) keep any guidance issued under this section under review, and
  - (b) revise any guidance issued under this section if the Department considers revision to be necessary in light of review.
- (4) The Department of Justice must publish any guidance issued or revised under this section.
- (5) Nothing in this section permits the Department of Justice to issue guidance to a court or tribunal.