



2022 CHAPTER 17

Stalking protection orders

Content of, and procedure for, orders

12.—(1) A stalking protection order and an interim stalking protection order must specify—

- (a) the date on which the order is made,
- (b) each prohibition or requirement that applies to the person against whom the order is made, and
- (c) whether any prohibition or requirement is expressly limited to a particular locality and, if it is, what the locality is.

(2) Any application under section 7, 10 or 11 to a court of summary jurisdiction is to be made by complaint under Part 8 of the Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981.

(3) Article 78(1) of that Order (time limits) does not apply to a complaint by which any such application is made.

(4) An application under section 7 or 11(3) is to be heard by a youth court if, and only if, it is for an order against a person who is under the age of 18 when the application is made.

(5) An application under section 10 or 11(7) is to be heard by a youth court if, and only if, it is for variation, renewal or discharge of an order made against a person who is under the age of 18 when the application is made for the variation, renewal or discharge.

(6) Subsection (4) or (5) has effect despite the person attaining the age of 18 before the conclusion of the proceedings on the application.

(7) In this section “youth court” means a court of summary jurisdiction—

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- (a) constituted in accordance with Schedule 2 to the Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1968, and
- (b) known as a youth court by virtue of Article 27 of the Criminal Justice (Children) (Northern Ireland) Order 1998.

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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 12 not in operation at Royal Assent, see [s. 22\(2\)](#)
- I2** [S. 12](#) in operation at 19.10.2023 by [S.R. 2023/174](#), [art. 2](#)

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