



2022 CHAPTER 19

PART 1

Sexual offences

CHAPTER 2

Anonymity and privacy

Anonymity of suspects

Interpretation of sections 12 to 16

17.—(1) In this section and sections 12 to 16—

“picture” includes a likeness however produced;

“publication” has the same meaning as in the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1992 (see section 6(1) of that Act);

“relevant programme” means a programme included in a programme service within the meaning of the Broadcasting Act 1990;

“statutory provision” has the meaning given by section 1(f) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954;

“suspect” is to be read in accordance with section 12(1).

(2) Nothing in section 12, 14 or 16 or Schedule 3 affects any prohibition or restriction imposed by virtue of any other statutory provision upon a publication or upon matter included in a relevant programme.

Commencement Information

II S. 17 not in operation at Royal Assent, see [s. 30\(2\)](#)

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Justice (Sexual Offences and Trafficking Victims) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022, Section 17. (See end of Document for details)*

I2 S. 17 in operation at 28.9.2023 by S.R. 2023/142, **art. 3**

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