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DRAFT STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2022 No.**

**The Domestic Abuse Information-sharing with  
Schools etc. Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022**

**Interpretation**

**2.** In these Regulations—

“abusive behaviour” has the meaning given by section 2 of the Act;

“the Act” means the Domestic Abusive and Civil Proceedings Act (Northern Ireland) 2021;

“compulsory school age” has the meaning given by Article 46 of the 1986 Order;

“child” means a pupil or a student within the meaning of this paragraph;

“class teacher” for the purposes of these Regulations means persons of the following description at an education provider—

- (a) classroom assistant;
- (b) course instructor including any substitute;
- (c) lecturer including any substitute;
- (d) member of teaching staff including any substitute;
- (e) relevant support staff;

“a designated person” means—

- (a) the key adult safeguarding lead or deputy at an education provider;
- (b) the designated child protection officer or deputy at an education provider;
- (c) the designated safeguarding officer or deputy at an education provider; and
- (d) any other person at an education provider acting in an equivalent capacity to those persons described at paragraphs (a) to (c);

“the Education Authority” means the body established by section 1(1) of the Education Act (Northern Ireland) 2014(1) and for the purposes of these Regulations refer to staff carrying out a child protection or safeguarding function;

“the Education Orders” has the meaning given by Article 2(2) of the 1986 Order;

“an education provider” means—

- (a) a school (which includes a nursery school) within the meaning of Article 2(2) of the 1986 Order;
- (b) an institution of further education within the meaning of Article 2(2) of the Further Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1997(2);
- (c) a non-school body which provides pre-school education (or any facility or setting at which pre-school education is provided);
- (d) the College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise in Northern Ireland;

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(1) 2014 c. 12 (N.I.)

(2) S.I. 1997/1772 (N.I. 15)

- (e) any body or facility holding a contractual relationship with the Department for the Economy for the purposes of providing publically funded vocational training programmes or apprenticeships; and
- (f) any other body or facility which provides education or training of any kind (or any facility or setting at which education or training of any kind is provided);

“an incident of domestic abuse concerning a child” has the meaning set out in Regulation 4;

“pre-school education” has the meaning given by Article 17(8) of the Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1998<sup>(3)</sup>;

“pupil” means a person—

- (a) aged under compulsory age who is registered in their immediate pre-school year for a funded pre-school education place; or
- (b) who—
  - (i) has achieved compulsory age;
  - (ii) is aged under eighteen years;
  - (iii) is registered at an education provider; and
  - (iv) in respect of whom education is provided under the Education Orders at an education provider;

“a relevant incident” means—

- (a) any police recorded incident of domestic abuse which a relevant person reasonably believes constitutes an incident of domestic abuse concerning a child, or
- (b) any incident (including a potential incident) involving domestic abuse which comes to the attention of a relevant person, which the relevant person reasonably believes constitutes an incident of domestic abuse concerning a child;

“a relevant person” means a police officer or police support staff within the meaning of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000<sup>(4)</sup>;

“relevant support staff” means any person at an education provider, other than a class teacher, who—

- (a) acts in a pastoral care role;
- (b) acts in a disability support role; or
- (c) is a member of education and training and support staff;

“student” means aged over compulsory school age but under 18 years and who is—

- (a) registered at a recognised institution of further education within the meaning of Article 2(2) of the Further Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1997;
- (b) registered at the College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise in Northern Ireland; or
- (c) registered on a publically funded vocational training programme or apprenticeship provided by a body holding a contractual relationship with the Department for the Economy at any facility or setting in Northern Ireland;

“the 1986 Order” means the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986<sup>(5)</sup>.

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<sup>(3)</sup> S.I. 1998/1759 (N.I. 13)

<sup>(4)</sup> 2000 c. 32 (N.I.)

<sup>(5)</sup> S.I. 1986 No. 594 (N.I. 13)

