#### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

### 2003 No. 417

# The Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults (Northern Ireland) Order 2003

#### **PART II**

## PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

#### CHAPTER I

#### PERSONS UNSUITABLE TO WORK WITH CHILDREN

Appeals and applications to Social Care Tribunal

#### Appeals against inclusion in list

- 11.—(1) An individual who is included (otherwise than provisionally) in the list kept by the Department under Article 3 may appeal to [FI] the Care Tribunal against—
  - (a) the decision to include him in the list; or
  - (b) with the leave of the Tribunal, any decision of the Department not to remove him from the list under Article 3(3).
- (2) Subject to paragraph (5), an individual who has been provisionally included for a period of more than nine months in the list kept by the Department under Article 3 may, with the leave of [F1 the] Care Tribunal, have the issue of his inclusion in the list determined by the Tribunal instead of by the Department.
- (3) If on an appeal or determination under this Article[F1 the] Care Tribunal is not satisfied of either of the following, namely—
  - (a) that the individual was guilty of misconduct (whether or not in the course of his employment) which harmed a child or placed a child at risk of harm; and
  - (b) that the individual is unsuitable to work with children,

the Tribunal shall allow the appeal or determine the issue in the individual's favour and (in either case) direct his removal from the list; otherwise it shall dismiss the appeal or direct the individual's inclusion in the list.

- (4) Where an individual has been convicted of an offence involving misconduct (whether or not in the course of his employment) which harmed a child or placed a child at risk of harm, no finding of fact on which the conviction must be taken to have been based shall be challenged on an appeal or determination under this Article.
- (5) Where the misconduct of which the individual is alleged to have been guilty is the subject of any civil or criminal proceedings, an application for leave under paragraph (2) may not be made before the end of the period of six months immediately following the final determination of the proceedings.
  - (6) For the purposes of paragraph (5), proceedings are finally determined when—

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- (a) the proceedings are terminated without a decision being made;
- (b) a decision is made against which no appeal lies;
- (c) in a case where an appeal lies with leave against a decision, the time limited for applications for leave expires without leave being granted; or
- (d) in a case where leave to appeal against a decision is granted or is not required, the time limited for appeal expires without an appeal being brought.

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