
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations prescribe the circumstances in which a person appointed as an independent visitor is to be regarded as independent of the authority appointing him.

Regulation 2(a) provides that authority members or directors, employees and their spouses, are not to be regarded as independent. Regulation 2(b) provides that where the child is accommodated on behalf of the authority by some organisation other than an authority, certain persons connected with that organisation shall not be regarded as independent.

Article 31(7) of the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 is the enabling provision under which these Regulations are made. It was brought into operation on 18th July 1996 by Article 2(1) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Children (1995 Order) (Commencement No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 (S.R. 1996 No. 297 (C. 17)).