
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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The Emergency Protection Order (Transfer of Responsibilities) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996

Requirements to be complied with by authorities

3.—(1) In forming its opinion under regulation 2(c) the authority shall consult the applicant for the emergency protection order and have regard to the following considerations—

- (a) the ascertainable wishes and feelings of the child having regard to his age and understanding;
- (b) the child's physical, emotional and educational needs for the duration of the emergency protection order;
- (c) the likely effect on him of any change in his circumstances which may be caused by a transfer of responsibilities under the order;
- (d) his age, sex and family background;
- (e) the circumstances which gave rise to the application for the emergency protection order;
- (f) any directions of a court and other orders made in respect of the child;
- (g) the relationship (if any) of the applicant for the emergency protection order to the child; and
- (h) any plans which the applicant may have in respect of the child.

(2) The authority shall give notice, as soon as possible after it forms the opinion referred to in regulation 2(c), of the date and time of the transfer to—

- (a) the court which made the emergency protection order;
- (b) the applicant for the order; and
- (c) those (other than the authority) to whom the applicant for the order gave notice of it.

(3) A notice required under this regulation shall be given in writing and may be sent by ordinary post.