
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1996 No. 461

**The Review of Children's Cases
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996**

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Review of Children's Cases Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 and shall come into operation on 4th November 1996.

(2) In these Regulations—

“the Order” means the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995;

“guardian ad litem” means a guardian ad litem appointed pursuant to Article 60 of the Order or rules made under Article 66 of the Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987⁽¹⁾;

“independent visitor” means an independent visitor appointed under Article 31 of the Order;

“responsible authority” means in relation to—

- (a) a child who is being looked after by an authority, that authority;
- (b) a child who is being provided with accommodation by a voluntary organisation otherwise than on behalf of an authority, that voluntary organisation;
- (c) a child who is being provided with accommodation in a registered children's home otherwise than on behalf of an authority or voluntary organisation, the person carrying on that home.

(3) In these Regulations, any reference to a review is a reference to a review carried out in pursuance of regulation 3, 11 or 13 as the case may be.

(4) Any notice required under these Regulations is to be given in writing and may be sent by ordinary post.

(1) S.I.1987/2203 (N.I. 22); paragraph 166 of Schedule 9 to the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 substituted a new Article 66 with effect from 19th February 1996