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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2018 No. 108**

**HUMAN RIGHTS**

**The Attorney General's Human Rights Guidance (Domestic Abuse and Stalking) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018**

*Made* - - - - *3rd May 2018*

*Coming into operation* *29th May 2018*

The Attorney General:

- (a) has, in pursuance of section 8(1) of the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2004<sup>(1)</sup>, issued guidance on international human rights standards relevant to domestic abuse and stalking in respect of the Police Service of Northern Ireland, the Public Prosecution Service for Northern Ireland, the Probation Board for Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service;
- (b) has, in accordance with section 8(3)(a) of the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2004, published that guidance on his website;
- (c) has, in accordance with section 8(3)(b) of that Act, laid that guidance before the Assembly<sup>(2)</sup>;
- (d) has, in accordance with section 8(1A) and section 8(5A) of that Act, consulted the Advocate General for Northern Ireland<sup>(3)</sup>.

The Attorney General, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 8(3)(c) of that Act, makes the following order:

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

**1.—(1)** This Order may be cited as the Attorney General's Human Rights Guidance (Domestic Abuse and Stalking) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018 and shall come into operation on 29th May 2018.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 shall apply to this Order as it applies to an Act of the Assembly<sup>(4)</sup>.

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(1) 2004 c. 4: relevant amending order is [S.R. 2015 No. 168](#)

(2) 'the Northern Ireland Assembly' substituted for 'each house of Parliament' by paragraph 81(2) of Schedule 14 to the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 ([S.I. 2010/976](#)).

(3) Inserted by section 8(9) of the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2004 and paragraph 7A of Schedule 7 of the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002.

(4) [1954 c.33 \(NI\)](#)

**Coming into operation of the guidance**

2. The guidance on international human rights standards relevant to domestic abuse and stalking in respect of the Police Service of Northern Ireland, the Public Prosecution Service for Northern Ireland, the Probation Board for Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service shall come into operation on the day on which this Order comes into operation.

3rd May 2018

*John F. Larkin QC*  
Attorney General for Northern Ireland

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order brings into operation guidance by the Attorney General for Northern Ireland, pursuant to section 8 of the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2004, which was laid before the Assembly on 20th April 2018.