

2023 No. 174 (C. 10)

JUSTICE

**The Protection from Stalking (2022 Act) (Commencement)
Order (Northern Ireland) 2023**

Made - - - -

9th October 2023

The Department of Justice, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 22 of the Protection from Stalking Act (Northern Ireland) 2022(a), makes the following Order.

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Protection from Stalking (2022 Act) (Commencement) Order (Northern Ireland) 2023.

Appointed day

2. The day appointed for the coming into operation of sections 6 to 17 of the Protection from Stalking Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 is 19th October 2023.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Justice on 9th October 2023



Richard Pengelly CB
A senior officer of the Department of Justice

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings sections 6 to 17 of the Protection from Stalking Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (“the Act”) into operation on 19th October 2023.

Section 6 to 16 of the Act makes provision for Stalking Protection Orders to provide protection to a person at risk of stalking.

They will enable early police intervention pre-conviction, to address stalking behaviours before they become entrenched, or escalate in severity and to protect victims from more serious harm.

Section 17 allows the Department to publish guidance on the operation of Stalking Protection Orders.

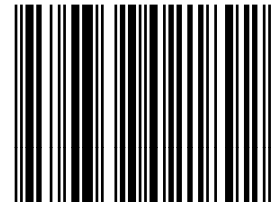
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