# DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2003 No. (N.I.)

# **NORTHERN IRELAND**

# The Commissioner for Children and Young People (Northern Ireland) Order 2003

Made - - - - 2003 Coming into operation in accordance with Article 1(2) and (3)

# THE COMMISSIONER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2003

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# Health and personal social services

- 1. A general health services provider, that is to say—
- 2. An independent provider, that is to say a person (whether...
- 3. Any person carrying on any of the following within the...
- 4. A person providing day care to which Article 118(1)(b) of...

#### Education

- 5. The Board of Governors of a grant-aided school, within the...
- 6. The managers of an independent school, within the meaning of...
- 7. The governing body of an institution of further education, within...

#### Others

- 8. The Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints.
- 9. The Assembly Ombudsman for Northern Ireland.
- 10. The Northern Ireland Film Commission.

PART II

# Justice and policing

- 11. The Northern Ireland Court Service.
- 12. The Northern Ireland Policing Board and the Chief Constable of...
- 13. The Juvenile Justice Board and any other body or person...
- 14. The Probation Board for Northern Ireland.
- 15. The Chief Inspector of Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland.
- 16. The Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission.
- 17. The Northern Ireland Law Commission.

**Draft Legislation:** This is a draft item of legislation. This draft has since been made as a UK Statutory Instrument: The Commissioner for Children and Young People (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 No. 439

#### Others

- 18. The Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland.
- 19. The Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.
- 21. The Information Commissioner
- 22. The Qualifications and Curriculum Authority.
- 22. The Northern Ireland Office.

# SCHEDULE 2 — THE COMMISSIONER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

#### Status

1. (1) The person for the time being holding the office...

# General powers

2. (1) The Commissioner may do anything, apart from borrowing money,...

# Tenure of office

3. (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, a person...

# Salary, etc.

4. (1) The Office may pay to or in respect of...

# Staff

5. (1) The Commissioner may appoint such number of officers as...

# Exercise of functions of Commissioner

6. Any function of the Commissioner may be exercised by any...

#### Seal

7. The application of the seal of the Commissioner shall be...

# Evidence

8. A document purporting to be an instrument issued by the...

# **Property**

9. (1) Any real or personal property vested in the Commissioner...

# Funding

10. (1) The Office may make grants to the Commissioner of...

#### Accounts

11. (1) The Commissioner shall—(a) keep proper accounts and proper...

# Annual report

12. (1) As soon as practicable after the end of each...

The Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 (c. 25)

13. In Part III of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland...

The Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI. 7)

14. In Schedule 2 to the Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland)...

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 (c. 36)

15. In Part VII of Schedule 1 to the Freedom of...

The Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 (c. 43)

16. In section 36(8) of the Criminal Justice and Court Services...

Schedule 3 — INVESTIGATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 8(4) OR 9(7)

# Interpretation

1. In this Schedule any reference to an investigation is a...

# Conduct of investigation

2. (1) In determining whether to conduct or discontinue an investigation,...

# Report on investigation

3. (1) Where the Commissioner has conducted an investigation pursuant to...

Further action following report on investigation

4. (1) Where the Commissioner has made a report under paragraph...

**Explanatory Note**