

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into operation on 31st January 2018 a revised code of practice prepared by the Attorney General and the Advocate General for Northern Ireland under section 377A of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (“the Act”) in relation to England and Wales and Northern Ireland.

The revised code of practice relates to the exercise of functions under Chapter 2 of Part 8 of the Act by the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Director of the Serious Fraud Office and the Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland as well as officers of the Serious Fraud Office.

This Order revokes a previous Order made under section 377A of the Act.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this Order as it has no direct impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies. The revised code of practice provides guidance on the use of powers under the Act by bodies in the public sector, and incorporates best practice, but it does not require any greater use of those powers which could result in an additional impact.