



# Child Poverty Act 2010

## 2010 CHAPTER 9

### PART 1

#### [<sup>F1</sup>STRATEGIES: NORTHERN IRELAND]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Pt. 1 heading substituted (16.5.2016) by [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\)](#), ss. [7\(7\)](#), [36\(2\)\(d\)](#)

#### *Targets relating to child poverty*

#### <sup>F2</sup>**1 The 2010 target**

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#### Textual Amendments

- F2** Ss. 1-11 repealed (16.5.2016) by [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\)](#), ss. [7\(1\)](#), [36\(2\)\(d\)](#)

#### <sup>F2</sup>**2 Duty of Secretary of State to ensure that targets in sections 3 to 6 are met**

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#### Textual Amendments

- F2** Ss. 1-11 repealed (16.5.2016) by [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\)](#), ss. [7\(1\)](#), [36\(2\)\(d\)](#)

#### <sup>F2</sup>**3 The relative low income target**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F2** Ss. 1-11 repealed (16.5.2016) by [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 7(1), 36(2)(d)**

**F<sup>2</sup>4 The combined low income and material deprivation target**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F2** Ss. 1-11 repealed (16.5.2016) by [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 7(1), 36(2)(d)**

**F<sup>2</sup>5 The absolute low income target**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F2** Ss. 1-11 repealed (16.5.2016) by [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 7(1), 36(2)(d)**

**F<sup>2</sup>6 The persistent poverty target**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F2** Ss. 1-11 repealed (16.5.2016) by [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 7(1), 36(2)(d)**

**F<sup>2</sup>7 Interpretation of terms used in relation to targets**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F2** Ss. 1-11 repealed (16.5.2016) by [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 7(1), 36(2)(d)**

*Social Mobility and Child Poverty Commission*

**F<sup>2</sup>8 Social Mobility and Child Poverty Commission**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F2** Ss. 1-11 repealed (16.5.2016) by [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 7(1), 36(2)(d)**

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**F28A Advice**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F2** Ss. 1-11 repealed (16.5.2016) by [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 7(1)**, 36(2)(d)

**F28B Annual reports**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F2** Ss. 1-11 repealed (16.5.2016) by [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 7(1)**, 36(2)(d)

**F28C Other functions**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F2** Ss. 1-11 repealed (16.5.2016) by [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 7(1)**, 36(2)(d)

*Strategies: duties of Secretary of State*

**F29 UK strategies**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F2** Ss. 1-11 repealed (16.5.2016) by [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 7(1)**, 36(2)(d)

**F210 Consultation**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F2** Ss. 1-11 repealed (16.5.2016) by [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 7(1)**, 36(2)(d)

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*Strategies: duties of<sup>F3</sup>... relevant Northern Ireland department*

**Textual Amendments**

**F3** Words in s. 11 cross-heading omitted (16.5.2016) by virtue of [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\), ss. 7\(2\), 36\(2\)\(d\)](#)

**F211 Scottish strategies**

**Textual Amendments**

**F2** Ss. 1-11 repealed (16.5.2016) by [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\), ss. 7\(1\), 36\(2\)\(d\)](#)

**12 Northern Ireland strategies**

- (1) The relevant Northern Ireland department must, before the end of the period of 12 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed, publish and lay before the Northern Ireland Assembly the first Northern Ireland strategy.
- (2) A “Northern Ireland strategy” is a strategy under this section setting out the measures that the Northern Ireland departments propose to take—
  - <sup>F4</sup>(a) .....
  - (b) for the purpose of ensuring as far as possible that children in Northern Ireland do not experience socio-economic disadvantage.
- (3) Before the end of the period to which a Northern Ireland strategy relates, the relevant Northern Ireland department must review the strategy and publish and lay before the Northern Ireland Assembly a revised Northern Ireland strategy, but this subsection does not apply [<sup>F5</sup>after 31 March 2020].
- (4) A Northern Ireland strategy must—
  - (a) where it relates to a period ending [<sup>F6</sup>before 1 April 2021]—
    - <sup>F7</sup>(i) .....
    - (ii) describe the <sup>F8</sup>... progress that the Northern Ireland departments intend to make by the end of the period to which the strategy relates in achieving the purpose mentioned in subsection (2)(b), and
  - (b) describe the progress that the Northern Ireland departments intend to make [<sup>F9</sup>by 31 March 2021] in achieving the purpose mentioned in subsection (2)(b), <sup>F10</sup>....
- (5) A Northern Ireland strategy other than the first must also—
  - (a) describe the measures taken by the Northern Ireland departments in accordance with the previous Northern Ireland strategy,
  - <sup>F11</sup>(b) .....
  - (c) describe [<sup>F12</sup>the] effects of those measures that contribute to the achievement of the purpose mentioned in subsection (2)(b).
- (6) A Northern Ireland strategy may not include proposals that relate to excepted or reserved matters, within the meaning of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

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- (7) The relevant Northern Ireland department must, on or before each report date relating to a Northern Ireland strategy, lay before the Northern Ireland Assembly a report which—
- (a) describes the measures taken by the Northern Ireland departments in accordance with the Northern Ireland strategy,
  - <sup>F13</sup>(b) . . . . .
  - (c) describes [<sup>F14</sup>the] effects of those measures that contribute to the achievement of the purpose mentioned in subsection (2)(b).
- (8) The report dates relating to a Northern Ireland strategy are each anniversary of the day on which it was laid before the Northern Ireland Assembly, other than an anniversary which falls—
- (a) on or after the date on which a subsequent Northern Ireland strategy is so laid, or
  - (b) [<sup>F15</sup>after 31 March 2021].
- (9) References in this section to the period to which a Northern Ireland strategy relates are references to the period beginning with the date on which the Northern Ireland strategy is laid before the Northern Ireland Assembly and—
- (a) except in the case of a Northern Ireland strategy laid before the Assembly less than 3 years [<sup>F16</sup>before 1 April 2020], ending 3 years later, and
  - (b) in that excepted case, [<sup>F17</sup>ending with 31 March 2021].

**Textual Amendments**

- F4** S. 12(2)(a) repealed (16.5.2016) by [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\), ss. 7\(3\)\(a\), 36\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- F5** Words in s. 12(3) substituted (16.5.2016) by [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\), ss. 7\(3\)\(b\), 36\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- F6** Words in s. 12(4)(a) substituted (16.5.2016) by [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\), ss. 7\(3\)\(c\), 36\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- F7** S. 12(4)(a)(i) omitted (16.5.2016) by virtue of [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\), ss. 7\(3\)\(d\), 36\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- F8** Word in s. 12(4)(a)(ii) omitted (16.5.2016) by virtue of [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\), ss. 7\(3\)\(e\), 36\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- F9** Words in s. 12(4)(b) substituted (16.5.2016) by [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\), ss. 7\(3\)\(f\), 36\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- F10** Words in s. 12(4)(b) omitted (16.5.2016) by virtue of [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\), ss. 7\(3\)\(g\), 36\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- F11** S. 12(5)(b) omitted (16.5.2016) by virtue of [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\), ss. 7\(3\)\(h\), 36\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- F12** Word in s. 12(5)(c) substituted (16.5.2016) by [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\), ss. 7\(3\)\(i\), 36\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- F13** S. 12(7)(b) omitted (16.5.2016) by virtue of [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\), ss. 7\(3\)\(j\), 36\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- F14** Word in s. 12(7)(c) substituted (16.5.2016) by [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\), ss. 7\(3\)\(k\), 36\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- F15** Words in s. 12(8)(b) substituted (16.5.2016) by [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\), ss. 7\(3\)\(l\), 36\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- F16** Words in s. 12(9)(a) substituted (16.5.2016) by [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\), ss. 7\(3\)\(m\), 36\(2\)\(d\)](#)

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**F17** Words in s. 12(9)(b) substituted (16.5.2016) by [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 7(3)(n), 36(2)(d)**

**13** [<sup>F18</sup> **Consultation:** <sup>F19</sup> ... Northern Ireland ]

<sup>F20</sup>(1) .....

<sup>F20</sup>(2) .....

(3) In preparing <sup>F21</sup>... a Northern Ireland strategy, the [<sup>F22</sup>relevant Northern Ireland department]—

<sup>F23</sup>(a) .....

(b) must consult the Secretary of State,

(c) must consult such children, and organisations working with or representing children, as the [<sup>F22</sup>relevant Northern Ireland department] thinks fit,

(d) must consult such parents, and organisations working with or representing parents, as the [<sup>F22</sup>relevant Northern Ireland department] thinks fit, and

(e) may consult such other persons as the [<sup>F22</sup>relevant Northern Ireland department] thinks fit.

<sup>F24</sup>(4) .....

**Textual Amendments**

**F18** S. 13 heading substituted (8.5.2012) by [Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(c. 5\)](#), s. 150(2)(j), **Sch. 13 para. 7(a)**

**F19** Words in s. 13 heading omitted (16.5.2016) by virtue of [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 7(4)(e), 36(2)(d)**

**F20** S. 13(1)(2) repealed (8.5.2012) by [Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(c. 5\)](#), s. 150(2)(j), **Sch. 13 para. 7(b)**

**F21** Words in s. 13(3) omitted (16.5.2016) by virtue of [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 7(4)(a), 36(2)(d)**

**F22** Words in s. 13(3) substituted (16.5.2016) by [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 7(4)(b), 36(2)(d)**

**F23** S. 13(3)(a) omitted (16.5.2016) by virtue of [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 7(4)(c), 36(2)(d)**

**F24** S. 13(4) omitted (16.5.2016) by virtue of [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 7(4)(d), 36(2)(d)**

*Reports by Secretary of State*

<sup>F26</sup>**14** [<sup>F25</sup>Statement] by Secretary of State

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**Textual Amendments**

**F25** Word in s. 14 substituted (8.5.2012) by [Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(c. 5\)](#), s. 150(2)(j), **Sch. 13 para. 8(1)**

**F26** S. 14 repealed (8.5.2012) by [Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(c. 5\)](#), s. 150(2)(j), **Sch. 13 para. 8(2)**

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**F27 15 Statement required in relation to target year**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F27** S. 15 repealed (16.5.2016) by [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 7(1)**, 36(2)(d)

*Economic and fiscal circumstances*

**16 Economic and fiscal circumstances**

**F28**(1) .....

**F28**(2) .....

[**F29**(3) In preparing a Northern Ireland strategy, the relevant Northern Ireland department must have regard to—

- (a) the resources that are or may be available to the Northern Ireland departments, and
- (b) the effect of the implementation of the strategy on those resources.]

**Textual Amendments**

**F28** S. 16(1)(2) omitted (16.5.2016) by virtue of [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 7(5)(a)**, 36(2)(d)

**F29** S. 16(3) substituted (16.5.2016) by [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 7(5)(b)**, 36(2)(d)

*Continuing effect of targets after target year*

**F30 17 Continuing effect of targets after target year**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F30** S. 17 repealed (16.5.2016) by [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 7(1)**, 36(2)(d)

*Supplementary*

**18 Interpretation of Part 1**

[**F31**(1) In this Part—

“child” means—

- (a) a person under the age of 16, or
- (b) a person who is a qualifying young person for the purposes of Part 9 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (child benefit);

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“parent” means—

- (a) any individual who has parental responsibility for a child, or
- (b) any other individual with whom a child resides and who has care of the child.]

[<sup>F32</sup>(1A) In paragraph (a) of the definition of “parent” in subsection (1), the reference to “parental responsibility” is to be read in accordance with the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.]

<sup>F33</sup>(2) .....

<sup>F33</sup>(3) .....

**Textual Amendments**

- F31** S. 18(1) substituted (16.5.2016) by [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 7(6)(a)**, 36(2)(d)
- F32** S. 18(1A) inserted (16.5.2016) by [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 7(6)(b)**, 36(2)(d)
- F33** S. 18(2)(3) omitted (16.5.2016) by virtue of [Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 \(c. 7\)](#), **ss. 7(6)(c)**, 36(2)(d)



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