



Health and Care Act 2022

2022 CHAPTER 31

PART 5

VIRGINITY TESTING AND HYMENOPLASTY OFFENCES

CHAPTER 2

HYMENOPLASTY OFFENCES

Hymenoplasty offences: Northern Ireland

156 Offence of carrying out hymenoplasty: Northern Ireland

- (1) It is an offence under the law of Northern Ireland for a person to carry out hymenoplasty.
- (2) “Hymenoplasty” means the reconstruction of the hymen (with or without consent).
- (3) An offence is committed under subsection (1) only if the person—
 - (a) is in Northern Ireland, or
 - (b) is outside the United Kingdom, and is a United Kingdom national or habitually resident in Northern Ireland.
- (4) “United Kingdom national” means an individual who is—
 - (a) a British citizen, a British overseas territories citizen, a British National (Overseas) or a British Overseas citizen,
 - (b) a person who under the British Nationality Act 1981 is a British subject, or
 - (c) a British protected person within the meaning of that Act.

Commencement Information

II S. 156 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 186\(6\)](#)

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Health and Care Act 2022, Section 156. (See end of Document for details)

I2 [S. 156](#) in force at 1.7.2022 by [S.I. 2022/734](#), reg. 2(a), [Sch.](#) (with [regs. 13, 29, 30](#))

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