



# Health and Care Act 2022

## 2022 CHAPTER 31

### PART 5

#### VIRGINITY TESTING AND HYMENOPLASTY OFFENCES

### CHAPTER 2

#### HYMENOPLASTY OFFENCES

#### *Hymenoplasty offences: Northern Ireland*

#### **158 Offence of aiding or abetting etc a person to carry out hymenoplasty: Northern Ireland**

- (1) It is an offence under the law of Northern Ireland for a person who is in Northern Ireland, or for a person who is outside Northern Ireland but who is a United Kingdom national or habitually resident in Northern Ireland, to aid, abet, counsel or procure the carrying out of hymenoplasty that has a sufficient jurisdictional connection.
- (2) Hymenoplasty has a sufficient jurisdictional connection for the purposes of subsection (1) if it is carried out in relation to a person who is—
  - (a) in the United Kingdom,
  - (b) a United Kingdom national, or
  - (c) habitually resident in the United Kingdom.
- (3) This section does not affect the application to an offence under section 156 of any rule of law relating to aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring.
- (4) In this section—
  - “United Kingdom national” has the meaning given by section 156(4);
  - “hymenoplasty” has the meaning given by section 156(2).