

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order brings into force sections 34, 35, 38, 39 and 40 of the Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Act 1999 on 4th September 2000. These sections make provision, in connection with certain offences, for protecting witnesses from cross-examination in person by an accused. In addition, the Order brings into force, on the same date, paragraph 4 of Schedule 7 to the 1999 Act and the repeal of section 34A of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 (cross-examination of alleged child victims) provided for in Schedule 6 to the 1999 Act. The effect of paragraph 4 of Schedule 7 is that the provisions commenced by this Order relating to the protection of witnesses from cross-examination in person by an accused will only apply to proceedings instituted on or after 4th September 2000. This Order makes transitional provision for section 34A of the 1988 Act to continue to apply to proceedings instituted before 4th September 2000.