

*These notes refer to the Justice Act (Northern Ireland)  
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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 4: Victims and Witnesses**

##### **Victim statements**

##### ***Section 33: Persons to be afforded opportunity to make victim statement***

This section provides that a victim is to be afforded an opportunity to make a written victim statement (to be known as a victim personal statement), setting out the effect of an offence or alleged offence. Regulations may provide for others to be afforded the opportunity, setting out when, how and by whom the opportunity should be afforded. A family member may make a statement, where a person cannot act on their own behalf or the victim has died.