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HUMAN RIGHTS

The Attorney General's Human Rights Guidance (Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service – Support for Victims and Witnesses) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

Made - - - -	*31st October 2014*
Coming into operation -	*15th December 2014*

The Attorney General:

(a) has, in pursuance of section 8(1) of the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2004, issued guidance on international human rights standards in respect of the Department of Justice (functions of the Department mentioned in section 69(1) of the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978(**a**) in respect of support for victims and witnesses);

(b) has, in accordance with section 8(3)(a) of the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2004, published that guidance on his website;

(c) has, in accordance with section 8(3)(b) of that Act, laid the guidance before the Assembly(**b**);

(d) has, in accordance with section 8(1A) and section 8(5A) of that Act, consulted the Advocate General for Northern Ireland(**c**).

The Attorney General, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 8(3)(c) of that Act, makes the following order:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Attorney General's Humans Guidance (Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service – Support for Victims and Witnesses) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014 and shall come into operation on 15th December 2014.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 shall apply to this Order as it applies to an Act of the Assembly(**d**).

(**a**) See S.R. 2010/133, Schedule, paragraph 5(2)(b): in practice these functions are exercised by the Department through the Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service (an executive agency of the Department).

(**b**) 'The Northern Ireland Assembly' substituted for 'each house of Parliament' by paragraph 81(2) of Schedule 14 to the Northern Ireland Act 1998(Devolution of Policing and Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976).

(**c**) Inserted by section 8(9) of the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2004 and paragraph 7A of Schedule 7 of the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002.

(**d**) 1954 c.33 (NI)

Coming into operation of the guidance

2. The guidance on international human rights standards in respect of the Department of Justice (functions exercised by the Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service in respect of support for victims and witnesses) shall come into operation on the day on which this Order comes into operation.

John F. Larkin QC
31st October 2014 Attorney General for Northern Ireland

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into operation guidance by the Attorney General for Northern Ireland, pursuant to section 8 of the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2004, which was laid before the Assembly on 8th October 2014.

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