



Prison Act (Northern Ireland) 1953

1953 CHAPTER 18

CONFINEMENT AND TREATMENT OF PRISONERS

16^{F1} **Removal of prisoners for judicial and other purposes.**

- (1) The [^{F2}Department] may, if it is satisfied that the attendance at any place of a person detained in a prison is desirable in the interests of justice or for the purposes of any public inquiry, direct him to be taken to that place.
- (2) The [^{F2}Department] may, if it is satisfied that a person so detained requires [^{F3} medical investigation or observation or] medical or surgical treatment of any description, direct him to be taken to a hospital or other suitable place for the purposes of the [^{F3} investigation, observation or] treatment.
- (3) Where any person is directed under this section to be taken to any place he shall, unless the [^{F2}Department] otherwise directs, be deemed to be in custody while being so taken, while at that place, and while being taken back to the prison in which he is required in accordance with law to be detained.
- (4) A person taken from a prison for [^{F3} medical investigation or observation or] medical or surgical treatment under sub-section (2) of this section may by direction of the [^{F2}Department], but not otherwise, be discharged on the expiration of his sentence without necessitating his return to prison.
- (5) In this section “hospital” has the same meaning as in the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948^{F4}.

Subs. (6) rep. in pt. by 1961 c. 15 (NI), residue spent

F1 1980 NI 3

F2 Word in s. 16 substituted (12.4.2010) by [Northern Ireland Act 1998 \(Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/976\)](#), arts. 1(2), 6(1), **Sch. 4 para. 2(3)** (with arts. 28-31); S.I. 2010/977, **art. 1(2)**

F3 1986 NI 15

F4 1971 c. 1 (NI), see now [1972 NI 14](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Prison Act (Northern Ireland) 1953, Section 16 .