



Criminal Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 1966

1966 CHAPTER 20

PART II

HOMICIDE AND SUICIDE

13 Criminal liability for complicity in another's suicide.

[^{F1}(1) A person (“D”) commits an offence if—

- (a) D does an act capable of encouraging or assisting the suicide or attempted suicide of another person, and
- (b) D's act was intended to encourage or assist suicide or an attempt at suicide.

(1A) The person referred to in subsection (1)(a) need not be a specific person (or class of persons) known to, or identified by, D.

(1B) D may commit an offence under this section whether or not a suicide, or an attempt at suicide, occurs.

(1C) An offence under this section is triable on indictment and a person convicted of such an offence is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 14 years.]

(2) If on the trial of an indictment for murder or manslaughter [^{F2}of a person it is proved that the deceased person committed suicide, and the person charged committed an offence under subsection (1) in relation to that suicide, the jury may find the person charged guilty of the offence under subsection (1).]

Subs. (3) rep. by 1968 c. 34 (NI)

Subs. (4) amends s. 18 of 1959 c. 15 (NI)

(5) If any person is charged before a magistrates' court with an offence under this section ...^{F3} further proceedings shall not be instituted or continued against him except by or with the consent of the Attorney-General.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Criminal Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 1966, Section 13. (See end of Document for details)

- F1** S. 13(1)-(1C) substituted (1.2.2010) for s. 13(1) by [Coroners and Justice Act 2009 \(c. 25\)](#), [ss. 60\(2\)](#), [182\(5\)](#) (with savings in [s. 180](#) and transitional, transitory and savings provisions in [Sch. 22](#)); S.I. 2010/145, [art. 2\(2\)](#), [Sch. para. 3](#)
- F2** Words in [s. 13\(2\)](#) substituted (1.2.2010) by [Coroners and Justice Act 2009 \(c. 25\)](#), [ss. 60\(3\)](#), [182\(5\)](#) (with savings in [s. 180](#) and transitional, transitory and savings provisions in [Sch. 22](#)); S.I. 2010/145, [art. 2\(2\)](#), [Sch. para. 3](#)
- F3** 1975 c.59

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 13 applied (1.2.2010) by [Coroners and Justice Act 2009 \(c. 25\)](#), [ss. 61](#), [182\(5\)](#), [Sch. 12 para. 2](#) (with savings in [s. 180](#) and transitional, transitory and savings provisions in [Sch. 22](#)); S.I. 2010/145, [art. 2\(2\)](#), [Sch. paras. 4, 22](#)

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