



2011 CHAPTER 16

PART 4

ENFORCEMENT

Prosecutions

Power of councils to prosecute offences

29 A council may prosecute proceedings for any offence under this Act.

Commencement Information

II [S. 29](#) in operation at 2.4.2012 by [S.R. 2012/154](#), art. 2(a), [Sch. 1](#)

Time limits for prosecutions

30 Summary proceedings for an offence under or by virtue of this Act other than such an offence which is also triable on indictment under section 31(2) may be commenced at any time—

- (a) within the period of three years from the commission of the offence; or
- (b) within the period of 12 months from the date on which evidence which the prosecutor thinks is sufficient to justify a prosecution comes to the knowledge of the prosecutor.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, Cross Heading: Prosecutions.