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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1987 No. 2203**

**The Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987**

**PART III**

**ADOPTION ORDERS**

*Supplemental*

**Enquiries to be made of [<sup>F1</sup>HSC trust] , where child is to be placed by registered adoption society**

**23.** Where [<sup>F2</sup>an appropriate voluntary organisation] is considering the placement of a child with any person for adoption, [<sup>F3</sup>the organisation] shall make enquiries of the [<sup>F4</sup>... [<sup>F5</sup>HSC trust] in whose area that person's place of residence is situated so that the [<sup>F4</sup>... [<sup>F5</sup>HSC trust] may inform [<sup>F3</sup>the organisation] whether or not there is any reason to believe that the proposed adoption would be detrimental to the child.

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| <b>F1</b> | Words in art. 23 heading substituted (1.4.2022) by <a href="#">Health and Social Care Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (c. 3)</a> , s. 8(1)(b), <b>Sch. 1 para. 110(3)</b> ; S.R. 2022/102, art. 2(b)   |
| <b>F2</b> | Words in art. 23 substituted (29.10.2010) by <a href="#">Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/431 (N.I. 9))</a> , arts. 1(3), 50(1), Sch. 4; S.R. 2010/288, <b>art. 3</b> , Sch. 1 |
| <b>F3</b> | Words in art. 23 substituted (29.10.2010) by <a href="#">Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/431 (N.I. 9))</a> , arts. 1(3), 50(1), Sch. 4; S.R. 2010/288, <b>art. 3</b> , Sch. 1 |
| <b>F4</b> | Words in art. 23 omitted (1.4.2022) by virtue of <a href="#">Health and Social Care Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (c. 3)</a> , s. 8(1)(b), <b>Sch. 1 para. 110(2)</b> ; S.R. 2022/102, art. 2(b)   |
| <b>F5</b> | Words in Order substituted (1.4.2009) by <a href="#">Health and Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009 (c. 1)</a> , ss. 32, 34(3), <b>Sch. 6 para. 1(1)(d)</b> (with Sch. 6 para. 1(3)); S.R. 2009/114, <b>art. 2</b>                                  |

**Changes to legislation:**

The Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987, Section 23 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 6(2) words inserted by [S.I. 2019/1514 reg. 29\(4\)](#)
- art. 60(1A) inserted by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 4 para. 6\(a\)](#)