

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2006 No. 2953

The Victims and Survivors (Northern Ireland) Order 2006

Introductory

Title and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Victims and Survivors (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.
- (2) The following provisions of this Order come into operation two weeks after the day on which this Order is made—
- (a) this Article; and
 - (b) Articles 2 and 3.
- (3) The other provisions of this Order come into operation on such day or days as the Office may by order appoint.
- (4) An order under paragraph (3) may contain such transitional provisions as appear to the Office to be appropriate.

Subordinate Legislation Made

P1 [Art. 1\(3\)](#) power fully exercised: 15.2.2007 appointed by {[S.R. 2007/96](#)}, art. 2

Interpretation: general

- 2.—(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 (c. 33) applies to this Order as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.
- (2) In this Order—
- “the [^{F1}Commission]” means the [^{F1}Commission] for Victims and Survivors for Northern Ireland;
 - “conflict-related incident” means an incident appearing to the [^{F2}Commission] to be a violent incident occurring in or after 1966 in connection with the affairs of Northern Ireland;
 - “information” includes information recorded in any form;
 - “the Office” means the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister;
 - “practice” includes policy.

Textual Amendments

- F1 Word in [art. 2\(2\)](#) in definition of "Commission" substituted (23.5.2008) by [Commission for Victims and Survivors Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2008 \(c. 6\), s. 1\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- F2 Word in [art. 2\(2\)](#) in definition of "conflict-related incident" substituted (23.5.2008) by [Commission for Victims and Survivors Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2008 \(c. 6\), s. 1\(4\)\(a\)](#)

Interpretation: “victim and survivor”

3.—(1) In this Order references to “victim and survivor” are references to an individual appearing to the [F3Commission] to be any of the following—

- (a) someone who is or has been physically or psychologically injured as a result of or in consequence of a conflict-related incident;
- (b) someone who provides a substantial amount of care on a regular basis for an individual mentioned in paragraph (a); or
- (c) someone who has been bereaved as a result of or in consequence of a conflict-related incident.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), an individual may be psychologically injured as a result of or in consequence of—

- (a) witnessing a conflict-related incident or the consequences of such an incident; or
- (b) providing medical or other emergency assistance to an individual in connection with a conflict-related incident.

Textual Amendments

- F3** Word in art. 3(1) substituted (23.5.2008) by [Commission for Victims and Survivors Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2008 \(c. 6\), s. 1\(4\)\(a\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Victims and Survivors (Northern Ireland) Order 2006, Introductory.