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NORTHERN IRELAND

**The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups
(Northern Ireland) Order 2007**

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1(2) and (3)*

**THE SAFEGUARDING VULNERABLE
GROUPS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2007**

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Inclusion subject to consideration of representations

2. (1) This paragraph applies to a person if any of...

Behaviour

3. (1) This paragraph applies to a person if—
4. (1) For the purposes of paragraph 3 relevant conduct is—...

Risk of harm

5. (1) This paragraph applies to a person if—

Restriction on inclusion

6. (1) DBS must not include a person in the children's...
PART II — ADULTS' BARRED LIST

Automatic inclusion

7. (1) This paragraph applies to a person if any of...

Inclusion subject to consideration of representations

8. (1) This paragraph applies to a person if any of...

Behaviour

9. (1) This paragraph applies to a person if—
10. (1) For the purposes of paragraph 9 relevant conduct is—...

Risk of harm

11. (1) This paragraph applies to a person if—

Restriction on inclusion

12. (1) DBS must not include a person in the adults'...
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Procedure

13. (1) DBS must ensure that in respect of any information it...
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15. (1) The Secretary of State may, by regulations, make provision...

Representations

16. (1) A person who is, by virtue of any provision...

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17. (1) This paragraph applies to a person who is included...

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18. (1) A person who is included in a barred list...
18A (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies if a person's inclusion in a...

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19. (1) DBS may require— (a) any person who holds records...
20. (1) The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety...
21. DBS must provide the Secretary of State with the prescribed...
22. DBS must inform the Scottish Ministers if a person is...
23. DBS may— (a) at the request of the Secretary of...

Prescribed criteria

24. (1) The criteria which may be prescribed for the purposes...
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1. (1) An activity is a regulated activity relating to children...

Activities

2. (1) The activities referred to in paragraph 1(1) are—

Establishments

3. (1) The establishments referred to in paragraph 1(2).

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5. A person who is part of a group in relation...

Guidance

- 5A (1) The Secretary of State must give guidance for the...

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6. The Secretary of State may, by order, provide that in...

PART II — REGULATED ACTIVITY RELATING TO VULNERABLE
ADULTS

7. (1) Each of the following is a regulated activity relating...

8. REGULATED ACTIVITY

9. The Secretary of State may, by order, provide that in...

PART III — THE PERIOD CONDITION

10. (1) The period condition is satisfied if the person carrying...

SCHEDULE 3 — APPROPRIATE VERIFICATION

PART I — DEFAULT POSITION

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3. EMPLOYMENT BUSINESSES: FAILURE TO CHECK
— *Modified meaning of regulated activity*
4. EMPLOYMENT BUSINESSES: FAILURE TO CHECK
— *Power to amend paragraph 2(1)(c)*
5. EMPLOYMENT BUSINESSES: FAILURE TO CHECK
— *Offence: acting for P etc*
6. EMPLOYMENT BUSINESSES: FAILURE TO CHECK

SCHEDULE 5 — BARRING INFORMATION

1. This is the table referred to in Articles 32A and...
2. The Secretary of State may by order amend this Schedule...
3. (1) In entries 1 and 5 in the table the...
4. Parental responsibility has the same meaning as in the Children...
5. A regulated activity provider is an independent regulated activity provider...
6. An adult placement scheme is a scheme—

SCHEDULE 6 — TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS
— *Advice by DBS*

1. (1) DBS must provide the Department of Health, Social Services...
— *Existing restrictions relating to children*
2. (1) This paragraph applies to a person who is—
— *Existing restrictions relating to vulnerable adults*
3. (1) This paragraph applies to a person who is included...
— *Existing restrictions: supplementary*
4. An order under paragraph 2 or 3 may—
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- 5.

SCHEDULE 7 — AMENDMENTS

— *The Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(NI 2)*

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1. (1) In Article 109 (persons disqualified from being private foster...
— *The Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (NI 3)*
2. (1) In Article 70(2)(e) (regulations for prohibiting or restricting
employment...
— *The Police Act 1997 (c. 50)*
3. In section 126 after subsection (2) add—
— *The Data Protection Act 1998 (c. 29)*
4. (1) In section 56 (prohibition of requirement as to production...
— *The Health and Personal Social Services Act (Northern Ireland)
2001(c. 3)*
5. In section 5 after subsection (3) add—

SCHEDULE 8 — REPEALS

Explanatory Note

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Sch. 1 para. 1(2)(3) substituted by [2009 c. 26 s. 92\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 92 repealed (10.9.2012) without ever being in force by 2012 c. 9, s. 120, Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(bb))
- Sch. 1 para. 2(2)(3) substituted by [2009 c. 26 s. 92\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 92 repealed (10.9.2012) without ever being in force by 2012 c. 9, s. 120, Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(bb))
- Sch. 1 para. 7(2)(3) substituted by [2009 c. 26 s. 92\(4\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 92 repealed (10.9.2012) without ever being in force by 2012 c. 9, s. 120, Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(bb))
- Sch. 1 para. 8(2)(3) substituted by [2009 c. 26 s. 92\(5\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 92 repealed (10.9.2012) without ever being in force by 2012 c. 9, s. 120, Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(bb))
- Sch. 1 para. 6(1)(a) words inserted by [2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 11\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 6(1)(a) words inserted by [2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 11\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 12(1)(a) words inserted by [2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 11\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 12(1)(a) words inserted by [2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 11\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 24(8) words substituted by [2009 c. 26 s. 92\(6\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 92 repealed (10.9.2012) without ever being in force by 2012 c. 9, s. 120, Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(bb))
- Sch. 1 para. 6(1)(a) words substituted by [2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 11\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 12(1)(a) words substituted by [2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 11\(4\)\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 5 coming into force by [S.R. 2012/330 art. 3](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 3 coming into force by [S.R. 2009/346 art. 3](#)[Sch. 7 para. 3](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 7 para. 3 already in force at 12.10.2009 by S.R. 2009/304, art. 3(a))
- art. 33(2)(b) and word repealed by [2009 c. 26 s. 90\(3\)\(a\)](#)[Sch. 8 Pt. 8](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 90 repealed (10.9.2012) without ever being in force by 2012 c. 9, s. 120, Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(bb))
- art. 33(3)(b) and word repealed by [2009 c. 26 s. 90\(3\)\(a\)](#)[Sch. 8 Pt. 8](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 90 repealed (10.9.2012) without ever being in force by 2012 c. 9, s. 120, Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(bb))
- art. 33(4) repealed by [2009 c. 26 s. 90\(3\)\(b\)](#)[Sch. 8 Pt. 8](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 90 repealed (10.9.2012) without ever being in force by 2012 c. 9, s. 120, Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(bb))
- art. 33(5) repealed by [2009 c. 26 s. 90\(3\)\(b\)](#)[Sch. 8 Pt. 8](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 90 repealed (10.9.2012) without ever being in force by 2012 c. 9, s. 120, Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(bb))
- art. 35(1) word substituted by [2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 9\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- art. 35(2) word substituted by [2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 9\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- art. 36 heading words substituted by [2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 9\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- art. 36(1) words substituted by [2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 9\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- art. 36A-36C inserted by [2009 c. 26 s. 90\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 90 repealed (10.9.2012) without ever being in force by 2012 c. 9, s. 120, Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(bb))
- art. 46(4)(a) words omitted by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 5 para. 13](#) (This effect comes into force on the coming into force of art. 46(1) of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/1351 (N.I. 11)). Art. 46 revoked (10.9.2012) by 2012 c. 9, Sch. 7 para. 12(4), Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234 art. 2(z)(v)(bb))

- art. 50(1) words substituted by 2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 13(3)(a)(i)
- art. 50(1)(a) word inserted by 2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 13(3)(a)(iii)
- art. 50(1)(b) word substituted by 2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 13(3)(a)(iv)
- art. 50(2) words substituted by 2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 13(3)(b)
- art. 50(3)(a) words substituted by 2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 13(3)(d)
- art. 50(5) word inserted by 2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 13(3)(e)(i)
- art. 50(5) words substituted by 2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 13(3)(e)(ii)
- art. 51(1) words substituted by 2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 13(4)(a)(i)
- art. 51(1)(a) word inserted by 2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 13(4)(a)(iii)
- art. 51(1)(b) word substituted by 2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 13(4)(a)(iv)
- art. 51(2) words substituted by 2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 13(4)(b)
- art. 51(3)(a) words substituted by 2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 13(4)(d)
- art. 51(5) word inserted by 2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 13(4)(e)(i)
- art. 51(5) words substituted by 2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 13(4)(e)(ii)

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):

- Sch. 1 para. 5A inserted by 2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 11(1)
- Sch. 1 para. 11A inserted by 2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 11(3)
- art. 32A32B substituted for art. 32-34 by 2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 9(1)
- art. 35(3A)-(3D) inserted by 2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 9(2)(c)
- art. 36ZA inserted by 2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 10
- art. 50(2A) inserted by 2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 13(3)(c)
- art. 50(5)(b) and word inserted by 2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 13(3)(f)
- art. 51(2A) inserted by 2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 13(4)(c)
- art. 51(5)(b) and word inserted by 2012 c. 9 Sch. 7 para. 13(4)(f)