

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order prescribes descriptions of prosecutors to whom a court which has obtained a pre-sentence report (as defined in Article 2 of the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1996) must give a copy of that report. The court is also required to give a copy of the report to the offender or his counsel or his solicitor or, if the offender is under 17 years old and is not legally represented, to his parent or guardian if present in court. If a prosecutor is not of a description prescribed by this Order, the court need not give him a copy of the report if it considers that it would be inappropriate for him to be given it.