

*These notes refer to the Justice Act (Northern Ireland)  
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# Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 2: Live Links**

##### ***Section 19: Live link direction for vulnerable accused or appellant***

This section provides for an accused person of any age who has a physical disability or suffers from a physical disorder to make an application to the court to give oral evidence through a live link. The court must be satisfied that the accused person suffers from the said disability or disorder; use of a live link would enable them to participate more effectively in the proceedings; and that it is in the interests of justice for them to give evidence through a live link. This is in any proceedings in a magistrates' court or before the Crown Court for an offence and to any proceedings in a county court on an appeal.