

2016 CHAPTER 4

# PART 4

## MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

### Court proceedings

### Supplementary provision in relation to court proceedings

**57.**—(1) For the purposes of any proceedings under sections 52 to 55—

- (a) a report of the Ombudsman relating to an investigation is to be accepted as evidence of the facts stated within it, unless the contrary is proven, and
- (b) the authenticity of the report may be proved by production of a certificate of its authenticity signed by the Ombudsman.

(2) Nothing in sections 52 to 55 affects the right to bring any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, which may be brought otherwise than under those sections.

#### Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Public Services Ombudsman Act (Northern Ireland) 2016, Section 57.