

These notes refer to the Protection from Stalking Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (c.17) which received Royal Assent on 26 April 2022

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 6 to 17 – Stalking Protection Orders

Section 14 - Notification requirements

This section requires a defendant subject to an order or an interim order to provide certain personal details to the police before the end of three days beginning with the date the order comes into force.

Subsections (2) to (4) set out what personal information the defendant is required to provide to the police, and what to do if any of this personal information changes.

Subsection (5) provides that the notification requirements set out in this section do not apply to the defendant if they are already subject to notification requirements under Part 2 of the

Sexual Offences Act 2003, Part 8 of the Justice (NI) Act 2015 (which relates to Violent Offender Prevention Orders) or Schedule 3 of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Criminal Justice and Support for Victims) Act (NI) 2015. This means that the defendant cannot be subject to other notification requirements at the same time.

Subsection (6) sets out what happens when a relevant defendant transitions between the notification requirements under Part 2 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, Part 8 of the Justice (NI) Act 2015 (which relates to Violent Offender Prevention Orders) or Schedule 3 to the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Criminal Justice and Support for Victims) Act (NI) 2015 and the notification requirements in the Act. In these circumstances, the defendant must notify within three days of the final day that they are subject to other notification requirements. This ensures that there is no gap between two sets of notification requirements.

Subsection (8) sets out the meaning of “home address”.