



## 2022 CHAPTER 17

### *Stalking protection orders*

#### **Notification requirements**

**14.—(1)** A person subject to—

- (a) a stalking protection order (other than one which replaces an interim stalking protection order), or
- (b) an interim stalking protection order,

must, within the period of 3 days beginning with the date on which the order comes into force, notify to the police the information set out in subsection (2).

(2) The information is—

- (a) the person's name and, where the person uses one or more other names, each of those names,
- (b) the person's home address, and
- (c) any other information prescribed by regulations made by the Department.

(3) A person who—

- (a) is subject to a stalking protection order or an interim stalking protection order, and
- (b) uses a name which has not been notified under this section,

must, before the end of the period of 3 days beginning with the date on which that happens, notify to the police that name.

(4) A person who—

- (a) is subject to a stalking protection order or an interim stalking protection order, and
- (b) changes home address,

must, before the end of the period of 3 days beginning with the date on which that happens, notify to the police the new home address.

(5) The requirements imposed by subsections (1) to (4) do not apply to a person who is subject to notification requirements under—

- (a) Part 2 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003,
- (b) Part 8 of the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2015, or
- (c) Schedule 3 to the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Criminal Justice and Support for Victims) Act (Northern Ireland) 2015.

(6) Subsection (7) applies where—

- (a) a person is subject to a stalking protection order or an interim stalking protection order,
- (b) at the time the order is made, the requirements imposed by this section do not apply to the person as a result of subsection (5),
- (c) the person ceases on a subsequent day (“the final day”) to be subject to the notification requirements mentioned in subsection (5), and
- (d) the order remains in effect on the final day.

(7) The requirements imposed by subsections (1) to (4) apply to the person as from the final day, but as if the reference in subsection (1) to the date on which the order comes into force were a reference to the final day.

(8) In this section “home address”, in relation to a person, means—

- (a) the address of the person’s sole or main residence in Northern Ireland, or
- (b) if the person has no residence in Northern Ireland, the address of the person’s sole or main residence in Great Britain, or
- (c) if the person has no residence in the United Kingdom, the address or location of a place in Northern Ireland where the person can regularly be found and, if there is more than one such place, such of those places as the person may select, or
- (d) if the person has no residence in the United Kingdom, and there is no such place in Northern Ireland, the address or location of a place in Great Britain where the person can regularly be found and, if there is more than one such place, such of those places as the person may select.

(9) Regulations are not to be made under subsection (2)(c) unless a draft of them has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, the Assembly.