



2022 CHAPTER 17

Stalking protection orders

Method of notification and related matters

- 15.—**(1) A person gives a notification under section 14(1), (3) or (4) by—
- (a) attending at any police station in Northern Ireland prescribed by regulations under section 87(1)(a) of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, and
 - (b) giving an oral notification to any police officer, or to any person authorised for the purpose by the officer in charge of the station.
- (2) A notification given in accordance with this section must be acknowledged—
- (a) in writing, and
 - (b) in such form as the Department may direct.
- (3) When a person gives notification under section 14(1), (3) or (4), the person must, if requested to do so by the police officer or person mentioned in subsection (1), allow that officer or person to—
- (a) take the person's fingerprints,
 - (b) photograph any part of the person, or
 - (c) do both of those things.
- (4) The power in subsection (3) is exercisable for the purpose of verifying the identity of the person.
- (5) Fingerprints taken from a person under this section (and any copies of those fingerprints) must be destroyed no later than the date on which the person ceases to be subject to a stalking protection order or, as the case may be, ceases

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to be subject to an interim stalking protection order that is not replaced by a stalking protection order.

(6) Photographs taken of any part of the offender under this section (and any copies of such photographs) must be destroyed no later than the date on which the person ceases to be subject to a stalking protection order or, as the case may be, ceases to be subject to an interim stalking protection order that is not replaced by a stalking protection order.

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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 15 not in operation at Royal Assent, see [s. 22\(2\)](#)
- I2** [S. 15](#) in operation at 19.10.2023 by [S.R. 2023/174](#), [art. 2](#)

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