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Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (NI 12)

1. In Article 53A(2) (questioning and treatment of persons by police:...

Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1992 (c. 34)

2. In section 2(3) (offences under law of Northern Ireland to...

Industrial Tribunals (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 18)

3. In Article 13(4) (power to provide for restriction of publicity...

Sexual Offences Act 2003 (c. 42)

4. In Schedule 3 (sexual offences for purposes of notification requirements),...

Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 (NI 1)

5. In Part 2 of Schedule 2 (specified sexual offences), in...

SCHEDULE 2 — Miscellaneous amendments as to sexual offences

PART 1 — Amendments of references to certain forms of child sexual abuse

1. The Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 is amended as...

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2. For the italic heading preceding Article 37 substitute “Abuse of...
3. (1) Article 38 is amended as follows.
4. (1) Article 39 is amended as follows.
5. (1) Article 40 is amended as follows.
6. For Article 41 substitute— (1) This Article applies for the purposes of Articles 38...
PART 2 — Amendments relating to the offence of engaging in sexual communication with a child
7. In Article 76(10)(a) of the Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order...
8. In Schedule 3 to the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (sexual...
9. In section 90 of the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2015,...
PART 3 — Amendment relating to the offence of paying for the sexual services of a person
10. In Article 64A of the Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order...

SCHEDULE 3 — Offence of breach of anonymity: providers of information society services

Exceptions for mere conduits

1. (1) A service provider does not commit an offence under...

Exception for caching

2. (1) A service provider does not commit an offence under...

Exception for hosting

3. (1) A service provider does not commit an offence under...

Interpretation

4. In this Schedule— “information society service” means any service normally...

SCHEDULE 4 — Offence of non-fatal strangulation or asphyxiation: consequential amendments

Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (NI 12)

1. In Article 53A (qualifying offences for particular investigative purposes), in...

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Sexual Offences Act 2003 (c. 42)

2. In Schedule 5 (lists of offences for making particular orders),...

Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 (NI 1)

3. In Schedule 2 (lists of offences for sentencing matters), in...

Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 (c. 28)

4. In section 7A (certain rules of evidence and procedure), after...

Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (NI 14)

5. In Article 2 (unjustifiable punishment of children), in paragraph (2)—...

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