



## 2022 CHAPTER 4

### *Abolition of preliminary investigations and mixed committals*

#### **Abolition of preliminary investigations**

1. Article 30 of the Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (which enables a magistrates' court to conduct a preliminary investigation of an indictable offence) is repealed; and accordingly all committal proceedings in a magistrates' court shall be by way of preliminary inquiry under that Order.