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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1999 No. 2789**

**The Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1999**

**PART IV**

**PROTECTION OF COMPLAINANTS IN  
PROCEEDINGS FOR SEXUAL OFFENCES**

*[<sup>F1</sup>Serious sexual offences: exclusion of public from court*

**[<sup>F1</sup>Nomination etc of persons to be excepted from exclusion**

**27B.**—(1) Only one person may be nominated by the complainant under Article 27A(2)(c), and only one person may be nominated by the accused under Article 27A(2)(d), but—

- (a) if more than one person is a complainant, a nomination may be made by each of the complainants, and
- (b) if more than one person is an accused in relation to the proceedings, a nomination may be made by each of the accused.

(2) Paragraph (1) has effect subject to Article 27C(1) (replacement nominated persons).

(3) The court may refuse to specify under Article 27A(2)(c) or (d) a person who has been nominated under that provision, but only where it appears to the court to be in the interests of justice to do so.

(4) Crown Court rules may make provision about nominations under Article 27A(2)(c) and (d), including provision—

- (a) for notice of intended nominations to be given to such persons as may be prescribed by the rules;
- (b) for a nomination to be withdrawn or substituted before a person is specified under Article 27A(2)(c) or (d).

(5) The court may specify a person under Article 27A(2)(f) only where it appears to the court to be in the interests of justice to do so.

(6) The court may exercise its power of refusal under paragraph (3), or specify a person under Article 27A(2)(f), either—

- (a) on an application made by a party to the proceedings or the complainant, or
- (b) of its own motion.]

**F1** Arts. 27A-27F and cross-headings inserted (28.9.2023) by Justice (Sexual Offences and Trafficking Victims) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (c. 19), ss. 19(2), 30(2); S.R. 2023/142, art. 3 (with arts. 4, 5)

**Changes to legislation:**

The Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1999, Section 27B is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 20 July 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- art. 29(3)(aa) inserted by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 para. 11](#)
- art. 29(3)(aa) words substituted in earlier affecting provision [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\), Sch. 2 para. 11](#) by [2022 c. 4 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(9\)\(h\)](#)