

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules.)

These Rules amend the Magistrates' Courts (Children and Young Persons) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1969 in consequence of the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 ("the Order"). The Order makes provision in relation to sentencing and the court's power in relation to the treatment of offenders.

The Rules amend a number of forms in the principal Rules in consequence of requirements prescribed in the Order which a court must observe in passing certain types of sentence or order.