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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**The Children's Homes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005**

PART III

CONDUCT OF CHILDREN'S HOMES

CHAPTER 1

*Welfare of Children*

**Use of surveillance**

**21.** Subject to any requirements for electronic monitoring imposed by a court under any statutory provision, the registered person shall ensure that electronic or mechanical monitoring devices for the surveillance of children are not used in a children's home, except for the purpose of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the child concerned, or other children accommodated in the children's home, and where the following conditions are met –

- (a) the child's placing authority consents to the use of the measure in question;
- (b) it is provided for in the child's placement plan;
- (c) so far as practicable in the light of his age and understanding, the child in question is informed in advance of the intention to use the measure; and
- (d) the measure is no more restrictive than necessary, having regard to the child's need for privacy.