

**2021 No. 297**

**FAMILY LAW**

**The Female Genital Mutilation Protection Order (Relevant Third Party) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021**

*Made* - - - - *5th November 2021*

*Coming into operation* - *1st December 2021*

The Department of Finance<sup>(a)</sup>, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 5A of, and paragraph 19(7) of Schedule 2 to the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003<sup>(b)</sup>, makes the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

**1.**—(1) This Order may be cited as the Female Genital Mutilation Protection Order (Relevant Third Party) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021.

(2) This Order comes into operation on 1st December 2021.

**Interpretation**

**2.** In this Order “HSC trust” means a Health and Social Care trust established under Article 10 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1991<sup>(c)</sup>.

**Specification of HSC trust as a relevant third party**

**3.** A HSC trust is specified as a relevant third party for the purposes of paragraph 19(2)(b) of Schedule 2 to the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance on 5th November 2021

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Department of Finance

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(a) See section 1(4) of the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c. 5 (N.I)).  
(b) 2003 c. 31. Section 5A of, and schedule 2 to, the Female Genital Mutilation Act were inserted by Section 73(2) of the Serious Crime Act 2015 (c.9).  
(c) S.I. 1991/194 (N.I. 1) as amended by section 32 of, and paragraph 1(1)(c) of Schedule 6 to the Health and Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009 (c. 1).

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order specifies a Health and Social Care trust as a relevant third party under paragraph 19(2)(b) of Schedule 2 to the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 (c.31).

A relevant third party can apply to the court for a Female Genital Mutilation protection order without the leave of the court.

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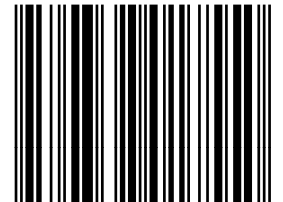
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