
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 828

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions on Gatherings) (North of England) Regulations 2020

PART 2

**Restrictions on gatherings in the North of England
(other than in Blackburn with Darwen or Bradford)**

Enforcement of restrictions in this Part

8.—(1) A relevant person may take such action as is necessary to enforce any restriction imposed by regulation 5 or 7.

(2) Where a relevant person considers that a number of people are gathered together in contravention of regulation 5 or 7 the relevant person may—

- (a) direct the gathering to disperse,
- (b) direct any person in the gathering to return to the place where they are living, or
- (c) remove a person from the gathering.

(3) A relevant person exercising the power in paragraph (2)(c) to remove a person from a gathering may use reasonable force, if necessary, in exercise of the power.

(4) Where a person who is in a gathering in contravention of regulation 5 or 7 is a child accompanied by an individual who has responsibility for the child—

- (a) the relevant person may direct that individual to take the child to the place where the child is living, and
- (b) that individual must, so far as reasonably practicable, ensure that the child complies with any direction or instruction given by the relevant person to the child.

(5) Where a relevant person has reasonable grounds to believe that a child is repeatedly failing to comply with the restrictions in regulation 5 or 7, the relevant person may direct any individual who has responsibility for the child to secure, so far as reasonably practicable, that the child complies with that restriction.

(6) A relevant person may only exercise the power in paragraph (2), (4) or (5) if the relevant person considers that it is a necessary and proportionate means of ensuring compliance with the restrictions in regulation 5 or 7.

(7) A relevant person exercising a power under paragraph (2), (4) or (5) may give the person concerned any reasonable instructions they consider to be necessary.

(8) For the purposes of this regulation, an individual has responsibility for a child if the individual—

- (a) has custody or charge of the child for the time being, or
- (b) has parental responsibility for the child.

(9) For the purposes of this regulation “relevant person” means—

- (a) a constable,
- (b) a police community support officer, or
- (c) a person designated by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this regulation.