STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2016 No. 431

JUSTICE

The Victim Statement Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

Made - - - -	*7th December 2016*
Coming into operation	*1st February 2017*

The Department of Justice, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 33(6), 34(1), 34(2), 35(1) and 102(8) of the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2015(**1**), makes the following Regulations.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Victim Statement Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 and shall come into operation on 1st February 2017.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

"chief clerk" includes such other civil servant in the Department of Justice as may be authorised to act on his behalf for the purpose in question;

"clerk of petty sessions" includes persons appointed as assistant or deputy clerks of petty sessions;

"public prosecutor" has the same meaning as in section 29(5) of the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002(**2**); and

"writing" includes writing delivered by means of electronic mail.

Application

3. These Regulations apply to cases where the Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland has the conduct of criminal proceedings.

Making a victim statement

4.—(1) A member of staff of the Public Prosecution Service for Northern Ireland is to afford a person the opportunity to make a victim statement.

(**1**) 2015 c. 9 (N.I).
(**2**) 2002 c. 26.