STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1996 No. 434

CHILDREN

Definition of Independent Visitors (Children) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996

Made - - - -	*18th September 1996*
Coming into operation	*4th November 1996*

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 31(7) of the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(**1**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Definition of Independent Visitors (Children) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 and shall come into operation on 4th November 1996.

Independent visitors

2. A person appointed by an authority as an independent visitor under Article 31(1) of the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 shall be regarded as independent of the authority appointing him in the following circumstances—

(a) where the person appointed is not connected with the authority by virtue of being—

(i) a member or director of the authority or a member of any of its committees or sub-committees,

(ii) an officer of the authority, or

(iii) a spouse of any such person;

(b) where the child who is to receive visits from the person appointed is accommodated by an organisation other than the authority and the person appointed is not—

(i) a member of that organisation,

(ii) a patron or trustee of that organisation,

(iii) an employee of that organisation, whether paid or not, or

(iv) a spouse of any such person.

(**1**) S.I.1995/755 (N.I. 2)