

2012 No. 325

CRIMINAL LAW

**The Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Prescribed Police Stations)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012**

Made - - - - *13th August 2012*

Coming into operation - *8th October 2012*

The Department of Justice makes the following Regulations, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 87(1) of the Sexual Offences Act 2003(a) and now vested in it(b):

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Prescribed Police Stations) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 and shall come into operation on 8th October 2012.

Prescribed police stations

2. The police stations listed in the Schedule to these Regulations are prescribed for the purposes of section 87(1)(a) of the Sexual Offences Act 2003.

Revocation

3. Schedule 2 to the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Prescribed Police Stations) Regulations 2010(c) is revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Justice on 13th August 2012



David Ford
Minister of Justice

(a) 2003 c.42; section 138(5) and (8) which makes relevant supplementary provisions relating to the exercise of the section 87(1) power by the Department of Justice was inserted by Article 12 of and paragraph 77 (1) and (3) of Schedule 14 to the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976).
(b) Article 12 of and paragraph 77 (1) and (2) of Schedule 14 to S.I. 2010/976 transferred the function of the Secretary of State under section 87(1) of the 2003 Act (in its application to Northern Ireland) to the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland.
(c) S.I. 2010/207.

SCHEDULE

Regulation 2

Police stations in Northern Ireland

Police Service of Northern Ireland	Antrim Police Station 24 Castle Street Antrim BT41 4AU	Antrim Road Police Station 280 Antrim Road Belfast BT15 5AA
	Ardmore Police Station 3 Belfast Road Newry BT34 1EF	Armagh Police Station 1-2 City View Newry Road Armagh BT60 1EP
	Ballycastle Police Station 12 Ramoan Road Ballycastle BT54 6EG	Ballymena Police Station 26 Galgorm Road Ballymena BT43 5EX
	Ballymoney Police Station 79 Charlotte Street Ballymoney BT53 6AZ	Banbridge Police Station 14 Castlewellaan Road Banbridge BT32 4AX
	Bangor Police Station 1-3 Castle Park Avenue Bangor BT20 4BS	Carrickfergus Police Station 16-18 Green Street Carrickfergus BT38 7DT
	Castlereagh Police Station 2 Alexander Road Belfast BT6 9HH	Coleraine Police Station 17 Lodge Road Coleraine BT52 1LU
	Downpatrick Police Station 43 Irish Street Downpatrick BT30 6BX	Dungannon Police Station 1 Quarry Lane Dungannon BT70 1HX
	Enniskillen Police Station 48 Queen Street Enniskillen BT74 7JR	Grosvenor Road Police Station 105-117 Grosvenor Road Belfast BT12 4GL
	Larne Police Station 2 Hope Street Larne BT40 1UR	Limavady Police Station 11 Connell Street Limavady BT49 0EA
	Lisburn Police Station 15 Barrack Street Lisburn BT28 1TJ	Lurgan Police Station 62 Church Place Lurgan BT66 6HD

Magherafelt Police Station 45-49 Meeting Street Magherafelt BT45 6BW	Musgrave Police Station 60 Victoria Street Belfast BT1 3GL
Newtownabbey Police Station 416-426 Shore Road Newtownabbey BT37 9RT	Newtownards Police Station 36-40 John Street Newtownards BT23 4LX
Omagh Police Station 1 Derry Road Omagh BT78 5DR	Strabane Police Station 23 Bowling Green Strabane BT82 8BW
Strand Road Police Station 81A Strand Road Londonderry BT48 7AA	

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

The Sexual Offences Act 2003 (“the 2003 Act”) imposes notification requirements on offenders convicted of certain sexual offences. These offenders are called “relevant offenders”. The 2003 Act requires relevant offenders to notify certain personal information to the police, both at the outset and periodically thereafter. Section 87(1) of the 2003 Act provides that relevant offenders give such notification by attending at any police station in the relevant offender’s local police area which is prescribed in regulations. These Regulations prescribe those police stations in Northern Ireland.

For the purposes of section 87 of the 2003 Act, “local police area” is defined in section 88(3) of the 2003 Act. Section 88(3) of the 2003 Act applies as if Northern Ireland were a police area (section 88(5) of the 2003 Act). In their application to Northern Ireland references to police areas in Part 2 of the 2003 Act are to be read as references to Northern Ireland (section 136(3) of the 2003 Act).

These Regulations revoke Schedule 2 to the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Prescribed Police Stations) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/207) so as to provide an updated list of prescribed police stations which are available to relevant sex offenders in Northern Ireland, for notification purposes. Specifically, the changes made to the list of prescribed police stations are: the name of Newry police station has been changed to its official name of Ardmore police station and the name of Craigavon police station has been changed to its official name of Lurgan police station; Strandtown police station and Cookstown police station have been removed from the list, as they no longer provide the required facilities to receive relevant offenders; and the addresses of Musgrave police station and Omagh police station have been changed to take account of their relocation.

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