



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Justice Bill

Notice of Amendments tabled on
28 May 2015 for Consideration Stage

New Clause

After clause 43 insert -

‘PART 5A

CHILD PROTECTION DISCLOSURES

Child protection disclosures

43A.—(1) The Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 is amended as follows.

(2) After Article 50 (Guidance to agencies on assessing and managing certain risks to the public) in paragraph (2) insert—

“(2A) Guidance under this Article must contain arrangements for the consideration of disclosure, to any particular member of the public, of information in the possession of the agencies about the relevant previous convictions of any specified sexual or violent offender, where it is necessary to protect a particular child or children from serious harm caused by the offender. Such arrangements may include conditions for preventing the member of the public concerned from disclosing the information to any other person.”

(3) In paragraph (3), for “Paragraph 2 does” substitute “Paragraphs (2) and (2A) do”.

(4) In Article 49, (interpretation), at end of paragraph (1) insert—

“; “relevant previous convictions” means convictions, findings or cautions which relate to the offender’s specification in guidance under Article 50”.’

Mr Paul Frew

The Lord Morrow of Clogher Valley

Clause 7

The Member listed below gives notice of his intention to oppose the question that clause 7 stand part of the Bill.

Mr Jim Allister

New Clause

After clause 7 insert -

‘Preliminary investigations

7A. Article 30 of the Magistrates’ Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (which enables a magistrates’ court to conduct a preliminary investigation of an indictable offence) shall apply only when the court is satisfied that a preliminary investigation is required in the interests of justice; and accordingly in all other cases committal proceedings in a magistrates’ court shall be by way of preliminary inquiry under that Order.’

Mr Jim Allister

Clause 8

The Member listed below gives notice of his intention to oppose the question that clause 8 stand part of the Bill.

Mr Jim Allister

New Clause

After clause 8 insert -

‘Mixed committals: evidence on oath at preliminary inquiry

8A. Article 34(2) of the Magistrates’ Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (which enables witnesses to give evidence on oath at a preliminary inquiry) shall apply only when the court is satisfied that such is required in the interests of justice.’

Mr Jim Allister

Clause 9

The Member listed below gives notice of his intention to oppose the question that clause 9 stand part of the Bill.

Mr Jim Allister

Schedule 2

The Member listed below gives notice of his intention to oppose the question that Schedule 2 stand part of the Bill.

Mr Jim Allister