



Health and Care Act 2022

2022 CHAPTER 31

PART 5

VIRGINITY TESTING AND HYMENOPLASTY OFFENCES

CHAPTER 2

HYMENOPLASTY OFFENCES

Hymenoplasty offences: Northern Ireland

156 Offence of carrying out hymenoplasty: Northern Ireland

- (1) It is an offence under the law of Northern Ireland for a person to carry out hymenoplasty.
- (2) “Hymenoplasty” means the reconstruction of the hymen (with or without consent).
- (3) An offence is committed under subsection (1) only if the person—
 - (a) is in Northern Ireland, or
 - (b) is outside the United Kingdom, and is a United Kingdom national or habitually resident in Northern Ireland.
- (4) “United Kingdom national” means an individual who is—
 - (a) a British citizen, a British overseas territories citizen, a British National (Overseas) or a British Overseas citizen,
 - (b) a person who under the British Nationality Act 1981 is a British subject, or
 - (c) a British protected person within the meaning of that Act.

Commencement Information

II S. 156 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 186\(6\)](#)

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Health and Care Act 2022, Section 156. (See end of Document for details)

12 S. 156 in force at 1.7.2022 by S.I. 2022/734, reg. 2(a), Sch. (with regs. 13, 29, 30)

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