



Health and Care Act 2022

2022 CHAPTER 31

PART 5

VIRGINITY TESTING AND HYMENOPLASTY OFFENCES

CHAPTER 2

HYMENOPLASTY OFFENCES

Hymenoplasty offences: Northern Ireland

157 Offence of offering to carry out hymenoplasty: Northern Ireland

- (1) It is an offence under the law of Northern Ireland—
 - (a) for a person in Northern Ireland to offer to carry out hymenoplasty in the United Kingdom or hymenoplasty that has a sufficient jurisdictional connection, or
 - (b) for a person anywhere to offer to carry out hymenoplasty if the person is a United Kingdom national or habitually resident in Northern Ireland.
- (2) Hymenoplasty has a sufficient jurisdictional connection for the purposes of subsection (1)(a) if it is carried out in relation to a person who is—
 - (a) a United Kingdom national, or
 - (b) habitually resident in the United Kingdom.
- (3) In this section—
 - “United Kingdom national” has the meaning given by section 156(4);
 - “hymenoplasty” has the meaning given by section 156(2).

Commencement Information

II S. 157 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 157. (See end of Document for details)*

I2 S. 157 in force at 1.7.2022 by S.I. 2022/734, reg. 2(a), Sch. (with regs. 13, 29, 30)

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