

**Lord Chancellor's Authorisation
Authorisation 5 – Restraining Orders**

1. This is an Authorisation by the Lord Chancellor under Article 10A(2)(a) of the Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (“the 1981 Order”).
2. The Lord Chancellor authorises the Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission (“the Commission”) to make legal aid available under Part II of the 1981 Order in connection with proceedings in a magistrates’ court or the Crown Court for the variation or discharge of:
 - (a) A restraining order made under Article 7 of the Protection from Harassment (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (“the 1997 Order”);
or
 - (b) A restraining order made under Article 7A of the 1997 Order.
3. Applications under this Authorisation remain subject to the provisions of Part II of, together with Schedule 2 to, the 1981 Order.
4. The Commission shall publish this Authorisation as required by Article 10A(9)(b) of the 1981 Order.

Signed by authority of the Lord Chancellor



Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
Ministry of Justice

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