

# Northern Ireland Search Warrant Checklist

July 17

This form is intended to be used as a reminder and must be supplemented by notes of evidence taken when the applicant substantiates the application on oath/affirmation. The form and notes should be retained with the information.

Address of Premises \_\_\_\_\_

### Preliminary Issues:

- 1. Have you seen the applicant's evidence of identity?  Yes  No
- 2. Has the applicant signed the information?  Yes  No
- 3. Has an appropriate officer authorised the application?  Yes  No

4. Warrant applied for under:

- Article 52 Firearms (NI) Order 2004
- Art. 10 PACE (NI) Order 1989
- Sec 37 & Sch 5 Terrorism Act 2000
- Other  Specify \_\_\_\_\_
- Sec 23 Misuse of Drugs Act 1971
- Sec 25 Theft (NI) Act 1969

- 5. Are the premises intended to be searched clearly defined?  Yes  No  
(eg. rooms specified where multi-occupied premises are involved)
- 6. Are articles sought clearly defined?  Yes  No
- 7. Have all sections of the warrant been completed?  Yes  No
- 8. Has the information been signed and dated?  Yes  No
- 9. Have all copies of the warrant been individually signed?  Yes  No

### Human Rights Issues:

**Article 6** (right to be present): need not be considered as Art 17 PACE (NI) Order 1989 states this application shall be made ex parte, supported by information in writing.

**Article 8** (right to private and family life): What reasons do you find for considering the issue of this warrant is a 'proportional response' on the evidence given?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Evidential Issues: Is there sufficient evidence in support of the application?

- What is known about any person likely to occupy the premises in question?
  - Have there been previous searches, if so how often, how recent, and how successful?
  - Has any believed occupier any convictions relevant to the current application?
  - Is the source a registered source, &/or has their information previously proved reliable?
  - Where children or young people are likely to be present what additional steps are to be taken? #
  - Where an area is sensitive what additional steps are to be taken? \*
- |  |
|--|
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |
|  |

\*eg. liaison with the community involvement branch or local community representative # ie, have appropriate child care arrangements been made?

Lay Magistrate \_\_\_\_\_

Date                    /                    /20                    Time                    am/pm

