

United Kingdom

MAIN ISSUES BEFORE THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS - ONGOING SUPERVISION

▶ *Actions of security forces – Effective investigations*

Ineffective investigations into suspicious deaths of individuals during the conflict in Northern Ireland either during security forces operations or in circumstances giving rise to suspicion of collusion with those forces.

Various shortcomings in the investigation proceedings, notably lack of independence of investigative police officers, lack of public scrutiny and information to victim's families on reasons for decisions not to prosecute; defects in the police investigations, absence of legal aid for the victims' families, delays in inquest proceedings.

McKerr group (28883/95) and
McCaughey group (43098/09)
*Judgments final on 04/08/2001 and
16/10/2013*

Enhanced supervision

Status of execution

▶ *Protection of trafficking victims*

Failure to take operational measures to protect two minors from prosecution despite a credible suspicion they were trafficking victims and subsequent unfair criminal proceedings.

V.C.L. and A.N. (77587/12)
Judgment final on 05/07/2021

Enhanced supervision

Status of execution

▶ *Private life - Retention of information*

Retention for an indefinite period of cellular samples, fingerprints and DNA profiles, for person convicted of minor offence (*Gaughran*) and in connection with arrests for offences for which the persons concerned were ultimately not convicted (*S. and Marper*).

Gaughran (45245/15) group
Judgment final on 13/06/2020

Enhanced supervision

Status of execution

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➔ *Shortcomings in the secret surveillance regime*

Insufficient “end-to-end safeguards” under the previous legal framework (in force until 2018) to provide adequate and effective guarantees against arbitrariness and the risk of abuse in bulk interception of communications data.

Big Brother Watch and Others (58170/13)

Judgment final on 25/05/2021

Standard supervision

Status of execution