

*These notes refer to the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) Act (Northern Ireland) 2023 (c.1)*

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **ABORTION SERVICES (SAFE ACCESS ZONES) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2023**

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