

*These notes refer to the Domestic Abuse and Civil Proceedings Act
(Northern Ireland) 2021 (c.2) which received Royal Assent on 1 March 2021*

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1, Chapter 3 – Miscellaneous Provision

Section 26: Information-sharing with schools etc.

Section 26 provides that the Department of Justice may bring forward regulations to enable information to be shared with an education provider about an incident of domestic abuse concerning a child who is a pupil or a student of that provider. The section sets out the extent and nature of the what may be provided for in regulations, including what is deemed to be an education provider (to include pre-school education provision, schools and colleges as well as facilities or settings that provide education or training, who are pupils or students and what is deemed to be a domestic abuse incident concerning a child

The section also makes provision that the regulations can set out circumstances in which information can be shared, deals with enabling powers around unauthorised disclosure of information as well as the offences and penalties associated with this.