*These notes refer to the Protection from Stalking Act (Northern Ireland)* 2022 (c.17) which received Royal Assent on 26 April 2022

## Protection from Stalking Act (Northern Ireland) 2022

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

Sections 1 to 5 - Offences

## Section 5 - No right to claim trial by jury

This section amends Article 29(1) of the Magistrate's Courts (NI) Order 1981 - the effect of which is to prohibit those accused of the stalking offence or offence of threatening and abusive behaviour, before a magistrates' court, electing for trial by jury at a crown court.