

These notes refer to the Adoption and Children Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (c.18) which received Royal Assent on 27 April 2022

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1 - Adoption

Chapter 3 - Placement for Adoption and Adoption Orders

Section 40: Reports where child placed by agency

This section provides that the adoption agency which places the child for adoption is responsible for submitting to the court a report on the suitability of the applicants and any other matters relevant to the operation of section 1 and for assisting the court as it may direct. The report should in particular address the matters in the welfare checklist (*subsection (1)*). *Subsection (2)* provides that an adoption agency may make arrangements for such functions to be discharged by another adoption agency.