

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 2 – Children Order Amendments

Section 131: Review of cases of looked after children

Section 131 amends Article 45(2) of the Children Order (reviews and representations) to provide that regulations may be made to require an authority to review the care plan of a looked after child. These requirements apply in the case of both children who are subject to a care order and those who are accommodated by the authority.

When reviewing an Article 50A care plan the authority may revise the plan or make a new plan where necessary (new *paragraph (2)(e)(ii)*). Where the child does not already have a care plan, the authority is required to prepare one (new *paragraph (2)(f)(i)*).