

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 138: Interests of children in proceedings

Section 138 amends Article 60(6) of the Children Order to insert a new *sub-paragraph (ha)* to provide that applications for the making of a special guardianship order for a child who is the subject of a care order are ‘specified proceedings’. This means that a children’s court guardian will be appointed and the child separately represented in every case (unless the court decides this is unnecessary).