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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **INTRODUCTION**

1. These Explanatory Notes concern the Health and Social Care Act (Northern Ireland) 2022, which received Royal Assent on 2 February 2022. They have been prepared by the Department of Health in order to assist the reader in understanding the Act. They do not form part of the Act and have not been endorsed by the Assembly.
2. The notes need to be read in conjunction with the Act. They are not, and are not meant to be, a comprehensive description of the Act. So where a section or Schedule, or part of a section or Schedule, does not seem to require an explanation or comment, none is given.