

*These notes refer to the Health and Social Care Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (c.3) which received Royal Assent on 2 February 2022*

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Section 6 – Transitional Provision***

Introduces Schedule 4 which contains provisions that require the Department to make arrangements for the preparation of the final accounts and report of the Regional Board. Further, the Auditor and Comptroller General must examine and provide a report to the Department. The Department must lay before the Assembly a copy of the final accounts and report and the report provided by the Auditor and Comptroller General.

Part 2 of Schedule 4 provides general provisions and specific provisions to ensure continuity in terms of previous directions issued, and how references to the Regional Board in statutory provisions or statutory documents are now to be read. In addition the Department may continue anything being done by or to the Regional Board (including legal proceedings) following the closure of the Regional Board.