

These notes refer to the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) Act (Northern Ireland) 2023 (c.1) which received Royal Assent on 6 February 2023

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 2 – Premises where information, advice or counselling about abortion treatments are provided

The definition of “protected premises” can also extend to a place where advice, information or counselling about abortion is provided. These places will generally be hospitals or clinics. These places will also become protected if the operator of the clinic gives notice to the Department of Health that they wish to be protected. A “protected premise” will remain as such unless that notice is withdrawn by the operator.