

**SAFEGUARDING VULNERABLE GROUPS
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2007**

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

COMMENTARY ON ARTICLES

Article 28: Monitoring

Article 28 sets out the criteria that must be satisfied for a person to be subject to monitoring in relation to a regulated activity relating to children and/or vulnerable adults. On a monitoring application being made the Secretary of State must make enquiries to obtain relevant information which includes information about his convictions and cautions and information from police forces relevant to the regulated activity.

Article 28 also empowers the Secretary of State to set a fee to be paid by applicants for monitoring. It is intended that the Vetting and Barring Scheme will be funded from income from a flat fee to be paid once when applicants first apply to be monitored. The fee is to be waived in the case of people who work with vulnerable groups on a voluntary basis.