

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Local Government (Boundaries) (2008 Act) (Commencement, Transitional Provision and Savings) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015

2015 No. 210

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Department of the Environment to accompany the Statutory Rule (details above) which is laid before the Northern Ireland Assembly.
- 1.2. The Statutory Rule is made under section 5(4) of the Local Government (Boundaries) Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

2. Purpose

- 2.1. The Statutory Rule makes a savings provision in respect of legislation that has been impacted as a consequence of local government reform legislation.
- 2.2. A number of statutory rules establishing health and social services trusts and groups use existing local government districts to define their operational areas. This Order introduces a savings in relation to the Local Government (Boundaries) (2008 Act) (Commencement, Transitional Provision and Savings) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013 with the effect of retaining the current operational areas of these trusts and groups.

3. Background

- 3.1. Section 5(4) of the Local Government (Boundaries) Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 provides that an order under section 5(4) may contain such transitional or transitory provisions and such savings as appear to the Department to be necessary or expedient.
- 3.2. This Order provides for the amendment of legislation that has been impacted as a consequence of the introduction of these pieces of legislation.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. This Order maintains the current operational boundaries of the trusts and groups specified in the Order and as such a consultation exercise was not appropriate.

5. Equality Impact

- 5.1. An Equality Assessment has not been produced for this Order. The purpose of the Order is make a savings provision in respect of legislation which has been impacted as a consequence of local government reform legislation. The Order does not give effect to any new or amended policies.

6. Regulatory Impact

- 6.1. A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been produced for this Order as the proposals impose no costs or savings on businesses, charities, social economy enterprises or the voluntary sector.

7. Financial Implications

7.1. The Order is technical in nature and there are no financial implications.

8. Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998

8.1. The Order is considered compliant with section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

9. EU Implications

9.1. There are no EU implications associated with the Order.

10. Parity or Replicatory Measure

10.1. Not applicable.

11. Additional Information

11.1. None