

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order brings into force the National Confidential Forum provisions of the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 (“the Act”). The National Confidential Forum is a committee of the Mental Welfare Commission with functions relating to persons who were placed in institutional care as children.

The Bill for the Act received Royal Assent on 17th January 2014. Sections 30 and 31 were partially commenced by operation of section 34 of the Act on the day after Royal Assent.