

*These notes refer to the Police (Northern Ireland) Act  
2003 (c.6) which received Royal Assent on 8 April 2003*

# **POLICE (NORTHERN IRELAND) ACT 2003**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **SEARCHES AND SAMPLES**

#### ***Section 41: Intimate searches***

115. This section amends Article 56 of the 1989 Order (intimate searches) and confers the power to use reasonable force on doctors and nurses carrying out an intimate search, including a drug offence search.

#### ***Section 42: Intimate samples***

116. *Subsection (2)* amends Article 62 of the 1989 Order (intimate samples). Its effect is that a an intimate sample other than a sample of urine or a dental impression (which may only be taken by a registered dentist) may be taken from a person by a registered health care professional as well as by a medical practitioner. *Subsection (3)* gives the definition of a registered health care professional as a registered nurse or a registered member of a health care profession designated by order made by the Secretary of State.