



# Historical Institutional Abuse (Northern Ireland) Act 2019

## 2019 CHAPTER 31

### PART 2

#### THE COMMISSIONER FOR SURVIVORS OF INSTITUTIONAL CHILDHOOD ABUSE

##### *The Commissioner*

#### **21 Establishment of the Commissioner**

- (1) An officer known as the Commissioner for Survivors of Institutional Childhood Abuse is established (and referred to in this Act as “the Commissioner”).
- (2) The Commissioner is to be appointed by the Executive Office.
- (3) Schedule 2 makes further provision about the Commissioner.

#### **22 Principal aim of the Commissioner**

- (1) The principal aim of the Commissioner in exercising functions under this Act is to promote the interests of any person who suffered abuse while a child and while resident in an institution at some time between 1922 and 1995 (both inclusive).
- (2) Persons of the description given in subsection (1) are referred to in this Part as “victims and survivors”.