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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations confer on the Secretary of State the power to direct the First Minister, deputy First Minister, a Northern Ireland Minister, a Northern Ireland department, the Regional Health and Social Care Board, and the Regional Agency for Public Health and Social Well-being.

The power to direct is exercisable where the Secretary of State considers that there is action those persons are capable of taking and that the action is required for the purpose of implementing the recommendations in paragraphs 85 and 86 of the CEDAW report.

The CEDAW report means the Report of the Inquiry concerning the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland under article 8 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women published on 6 March 2018 (CEDAW/C/OP.8/GBR/1). The CEDAW report is available at the following website:

[https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\\_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CEDAW%2fC%2fOP.8%2fGBR%2f1&Lang=en](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CEDAW%2fC%2fOP.8%2fGBR%2f1&Lang=en)

A hard copy of the report may be requested in writing from the Northern Ireland Office, Stormont House, Stormont Estate, Belfast, BT4 3SH.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.