

*These notes refer to the Houses in Multiple Occupation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c.22) which received Royal Assent on 12 May 2016*

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 1: Meaning of “House in Multiple Occupation”**

##### *Section 5: Notice regarding evidence of household*

Section 5 makes provision for a council to serve a notice on the occupants of a house where the council believe there are three or more people residing in the property and these people form more than two separate households. If insufficient evidence is provided that the house is not an HMO, the house is to be regarded as being one.