

These notes refer to the Commissioner for Older People Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (c.1) which received Royal Assent on 25 January 2011

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 3 - Duties of the Commissioner

This paragraph sets out a series of important duties which the Commissioner must perform. These include duties to:-

- Promote an awareness of matters relating to the interests of older people and of the need to safeguard those interests ;
- Keep under review the adequacy and effectiveness of the law and practice relating to the interests of older people;
- Keep under review the adequacy and effectiveness of the services provided to older people by relevant authorities;
- Promote the provision of opportunities for, and the elimination of discrimination against, older people;
- Encourage best practice in the treatment of older people;
- Promote positive attitudes towards older people and encourage participation by older people in public life;
- Advise the Assembly, the Secretary of State and a relevant authority on matters concerning the interests of older people (this could cover any issue);
- Take reasonable steps to make older people aware of the existence and functions of his/her office and its location;
- Take reasonable steps to encourage older people to communicate with the Commissioner and his or her staff and to seek the views of older people; and
- Make themselves or their staff available, as far as is practicable, at a place convenient for older people.