

These notes refer to the Children's Services Co-operation Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c.10) which received Royal Assent on 09 December 2015

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 5: Report on the operation of this Act

Section 5 requires the Executive to prepare and publish a report on actions taken by the Executive and departments towards achieving the outcomes set out in the strategy; the progress achieved; the extent to which children's authorities and other children's services providers have co-operated with one another and pooled budgets and resources; and how the well-being of children and young persons has improved. The report must also identify opportunities for further co-operation, other ways in which well-being could be improved and any resulting revisions required to the strategy. The first report must be published within eighteen months of the first children's strategy being published; reports thereafter are required at intervals of no more than three years.

Children's authorities are required to co-operate with the Executive in preparing the report and OFMdFM must lay a copy of the report before the Assembly.