

**SAFEGUARDING VULNERABLE GROUPS
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2007**

S.I. 2007 1351

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

COMMENTARY ON ARTICLES

Article 32: Provision of vetting information

Article 32 provides for application to be made to the Secretary of State for relevant information in relation to an individual by applicants who fall within the table at Schedule 5.

An application for relevant information is to be made in the prescribed form and must include an appropriate declaration. This declaration must state that the applicant falls within column 1 of the table at Schedule 5, and so has a right to the information, and that the individual has consented to the check. The consent provision will help to protect information held by the scheme. Consent is not needed when an application is made by an appropriate officer within the meaning of article 17 who is making a check on a member of a governing body of a school or other educational establishment.