



# Historical Institutional Abuse (Northern Ireland) Act 2019

## 2019 CHAPTER 31

### PART 2

#### THE COMMISSIONER FOR SURVIVORS OF INSTITUTIONAL CHILDHOOD ABUSE

##### *Miscellaneous*

#### **29 Independent review**

- (1) The First Minister and deputy First Minister acting jointly must, every five years, commission an independent person—
  - (a) to review the operation of the Commissioner, and
  - (b) to send a report to the First Minister and deputy First Minister on the findings of the review.
- (2) The First Minister and deputy First Minister acting jointly may commission an independent person to act as mentioned in subsection (1) at such other times as they determine; and, if they do so, the period of five years referred to in subsection (1) accordingly runs from the date on which they do so.
- (3) The report must include an assessment of whether there continues to be a need for the Commissioner; and the First Minister and deputy First Minister acting jointly must, in light of that assessment, determine whether the office of the Commissioner should continue.

#### **Commencement Information**

**II** S. 29 in force at 2.11.2020 by [S.R. 2020/229](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Historical Institutional Abuse (Northern Ireland) Act 2019, Cross Heading: Miscellaneous. (See end of Document for details)*

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### **30 Defamation: privilege**

For the purposes of the law of defamation, publication of anything under this Part by the Commissioner is absolutely privileged.

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