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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

## Section 2: Department's general duty

Sets out the Department's general duty in relation to the provision of health and social care in Northern Ireland. For example, the Department has the duty to promote an integrated system of health and social care designed to secure improvement in the physical and mental health and social well-being of people in Northern Ireland. Among other things, the Department also has a duty to develop policies for reducing health inequalities between the people in Northern Ireland.