



## 2011 CHAPTER 1

### *Interpretation*

#### **Interpretation: general**

**27** In this Act—

“action” includes failure to act;

“advocacy arrangements”, “complaint arrangements”, “inspection arrangements” and “whistle-blowing arrangements” have the meanings given by section 5(1);

“the Commissioner” means the Commissioner for Older People for Northern Ireland;

“the complainant”, in relation to a formal investigation into a complaint under section 8(1), means the older person by whom or on whose behalf the complaint was made;

“formal investigation” means an investigation under section 13;

“general health care provider” has the meaning given in paragraph 1 of Schedule 3 and references to general health care are to any of the services mentioned in that paragraph;

“health and social care body” means any of the following bodies—

- (a) <sup>F1</sup>...
- (b) the Regional Agency for Public Health and Social Well-being;
- (c) the Regional Support Services Organisation;
- (d) a Health and Social Care trust;
- (e) a special health and social care agency;

“independent provider” has the meaning given in paragraph 2 of Schedule 3;

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“information” includes information recorded in any form;

“interests” includes rights;

“notice” means notice in writing;

“the Office” means the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister;

“practice” includes policy;

“statutory provision” has the same meaning as in section 1(f) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 (c. 33).

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in s. 27 omitted (1.4.2022) by virtue of [Health and Social Care Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2022 \(c. 3\)](#), s. 8(1)(b), [Sch. 1 para. 243](#); S.R. 2022/102, art. 2(b)

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** Ss. 2-29: transfer of functions (8.5.2016) by [The Departments \(Transfer of Functions\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/76\)](#), art. 1(2), [Sch. 1 Pt. 2](#) (with art. 9(2))

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