

*These notes refer to the Inquiry Into Historical Institutional Abuse Act (Northern Ireland) 2013 (c.2) which received Royal Assent on 18 January 2013*

# Inquiry Into Historical Institutional Abuse Act (Northern Ireland) 2013

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **CONSULTATION**

11. A cross-departmental taskforce was established by OFMDFM in December 2010 to consider the needs of victims of historical institutional abuse. A formal consultation exercise was carried out in March 2011 on how best to meet the needs of victims and survivors. This included consultation events in Belfast and Londonderry/Derry.
12. Throughout, Ministers and officials have had ongoing engagement with victims and survivors, including on the establishment and terms of reference for this inquiry.
13. The inquiry terms of reference have been discussed in detail with victims and survivors, and agreed with the chairperson of the inquiry. The chairperson has been consulted on the contents of the Act.