

*These notes refer to the Legal Complaints and Regulation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c.14) which received Royal Assent on 11th April 2016*

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Section 18: Notification requirements***

*Subsections (1) and (2)* make provision to the effect that if a complaint is excluded, dismissed, referred to another body, settled, withdrawn or abandoned, then the Bar Complaints Committee must inform the complainant and the respondent. If a complaint is dismissed, referred to another body or excluded, the Complaints Committee must give reasons for doing so.

*Subsections (3) and (4)* provide that if the Complaint Committee has determined a complaint, it must prepare a written statement of the determination giving reasons for it, and copy the statement to the parties and to the Benchers, the Bar Council and the Legal Services Oversight Commissioner.