

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

# Legal Complaints and Regulation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Section 41: Information and documents***

Section 41 empowers the Solicitors Complaints Committee to require such information and/or documents from parties to a complaint as the Committee may specify before the end of such period (and it must be a reasonable period) as the Committee may specify, and in such manner of form as the Committee may specify.

*Subsection (4)* allows the Committee, in the absence of a document, to require the person asked to produce it to state to the best of that person's knowledge and belief where it is.

*Subsection (5)* means that none of these powers may be used to compel disclosure which could not be compelled in civil proceedings before the High Court.