

These notes refer to the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c.26) which received Royal Assent on 12 May 2016

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

BACKGROUND AND POLICY OBJECTIVES

Dental services - the introduction of the new dental contract including the creation of performers' lists

7. At present, general dental services may only be provided by dental practitioners. One of the main policy aims of the 2008 Act was to change the way dental services are organised in Northern Ireland. These provisions will be known as primary dental services and, once commenced, the Health and Social Care Board (HSCB), will either provide primary dental services itself or arrange for their provision. Primary dental services will be provided through general dental services contracts or primary dental services agreements. Primary dental services may be provided by a wider range of providers not just dental practitioners.