

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make provision for the disclosure of information which is furnished to the Department of Justice (including the Director of Legal Aid Casework and staff in the Legal Services Agency, Northern Ireland), or any court, tribunal or other person or body in connection with the case of an individual seeking or receiving civil legal services under Articles 12A to 20A of the Access to Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (regulations 3 and 4).

The Regulations also require the provision of information from suppliers to the Director of Legal Aid Casework, and waive the rules of privilege and confidentiality regarding the disclosure of information relating to the cases of clients or former clients funded by the Department (regulations 5 to 7).