
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations)

These regulations make provision concerning the membership, procedure, functions and committees of the Safeguarding Board of Northern Ireland (SBNI) established under the Safeguarding Board Act (Northern Ireland) 2011. The regulations comprise four Parts and five Schedules.

Part 1 of the regulations makes general provisions concerning citation, commencement and interpretation.

Part 2 relates to the Safeguarding Board. It makes provision for membership of the SBNI, appointment of such members, tenure, resignation and removal. This Part also makes provision around the procedure of the SBNI and prescribes that the Regional Agency for Public Health and Social Well-being may provide the SBNI with staff and premises. Finally, this Part makes provisions around the expenses of the SBNI, and provides further detail on the exercise of the functions specified in section 3 of the Act.

Part 3 of the regulations is concerned with the Safeguarding Panels, which are committees of the SBNI. Firstly, this Part prescribes the number and area of the Panels. Secondly, it makes provision concerning the membership of the Panels, including disqualification for appointment as Chair. This Part goes on to prescribe around the proceedings of the Panel, and its functions. Finally, it provides details concerning the staff, premises and expenses of the Safeguarding Panels.

Part 4 is concerned with the Case Management Review Panel, a further committee of SBNI. It makes provision around the membership of the Panel, along with its meetings and proceedings, annual report and functions.