

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order commences the provisions in the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 (“the Act”) which establish the Disclosure and Barring Service (“DBS”). The Act enables all the functions of the Independent Safeguarding Authority (“ISA”) and the Criminal Records Bureau (“CRB”) to be transferred to the DBS by Order. With the exception of the obligation on the DBS to produce accounts, all the provisions concerned with the establishment of the DBS are commenced on 15th October 2012. The obligation to produce accounts is commenced on 1st December 2012, the date on which it is envisaged that the functions of the ISA and CRB will be transferred to the DBS.