
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 (Commencement No. 3) Order 2012 (“the 2012 Order”) which enables the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland to pass information to the Disclosure and Barring Service (“DBS”), in order for the DBS to consider whether the test for barring an individual from working with children or adults under the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 is met, until such time as there is permanent statutory provision for this arrangement. It was expected that such statutory provision would be in the Fairer Faster Justice Bill to be introduced in the Northern Ireland Assembly in early 2013. However, due to other legislative demands that Bill was not introduced. It is expected that it will now be introduced in April 2014.