

Adult Protection Bill: draft Committee amendments

Amendment 1

Committee policy objective: to give effect to the recommendation by the NIHRC to make explicit provision in Clause 1 the human rights obligation of trusts and social workers.

Clause 1, Page 1, Line 17

At end insert-

‘(ca) their obligation to act in a way which is not incompatible with the rights and freedoms of the adult under the European Convention on Human Rights, in accordance with section 6 of the Human Rights Act 1998,’

Amendment 2

Committee policy objective: to require the Department to consult the Adult Protection Board for NI before preparing or reviewing guidance under Clause 22

Clause 22, Page 13, Line 35

At end insert-

‘(ba) the Adult Protection Board for Northern Ireland,’

Amendment 3 (if needed)

Clause 22, Page 13, Line 37

At end insert—

‘(3A) The requirement under subsection (3)(ba) shall not prevent the Department from preparing or reviewing guidance at any time before the Adult Protection Board for Northern Ireland is established under section 30.’

Amendment 4

Committee policy objective: to disqualify representatives of the persons or bodies listed in section 30(3) from being appointed as the Chair of the Adult Protection Board for NI

Clause 30, Page 18, Line 37

At end insert-

‘(3A) A person is disqualified for being the Chair of the Board if that person is representative of any of the persons or bodies specified in subsection (3).’