# These notes refer to the Health and Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009 (c.1)

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (REFORM) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2009

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