*These notes refer to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act* 2008 (c.22) which received Royal Assent on 13 November 2008

# HUMAN FERTILISATION AND EMBRYOLOGY ACT 2008

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 1:** Amendments of Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990

#### Section 20: Power to suspend licence

134. This section inserts new section 19C which replaces the previous section 22 of the 1990 Act and relates to the Authority's powers to suspend a licence. Any period of suspension is restricted to a maximum of 3 months although this may be renewed. Appeals against a decision to suspend may be made to an appeals committee constituted under regulations made by the Secretary of State in the same way as appeals against other licensing decisions (see new section 20A of the 1990 Act).