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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1972 No. 1265 (N.I. 14)**

Health and Personal Social Services  
(Northern Ireland) Order 1972

- - - - [14th August 1972]

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES  
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1972

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1. A Health and Social Services Board shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession to
2. A Health and Social Services Board shall, notwithstanding that it is exercising functions on behalf
3. A Health and Social Services Board shall consist of—a chairman appointed by the Head of
4. The term of office of members of a Health and Social Services Board appointed under
5. A member of a Health and Social Services Board appointed under paragraph 3(1)(a) or (b)—may
6. The proceedings of a Health and Social Services Board or of any committee thereof shall

#### PART II — SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS AS TO THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BOARDS

### Acquisition, etc., of land

7. Subject to Part X and paragraph 2( d) of Schedule 9, so much of section

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#### Committees

8. Sub#para. (1) rep. by 1986 NI 24. . . . . , a Health

#### Sub-committees

9. A Health and Social Services Board, or a committee appointed by such a Board, may,

#### Procedure

10. Each Health and Social Services Board shall make standing orders with regard to its procedure

#### Disclosure of pecuniary, etc., interests and related provisions

11. Subject to sub-paragraph (2), sections 28 to 33 and 146 of the Local Government Act

#### Officers

12. The qualifications, remuneration and conditions of service of officers of a Health and Social Services

#### The seal Execution of contracts and instruments not under seal

13. The seal of a Health and Social Services Board shall be authenticated by the signatures
14. Any contract or instrument which, if entered into or executed by an individual, would not
15. Regulations may make provision (including provision modifying this Schedule) to deal with cases where the

— Schedule 2 rep. by 1986 NI 24

#### SCHEDULE 3 —

##### PART I — THE CONSTITUTION OF THE AGENCY

1. The Agency shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession to which section 19 of
2. The Agency shall, notwithstanding that it is exercising functions on behalf of the Ministry or
3. Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the Agency shall consist of a chairman, vice-chairman and such number
4. The Ministry may, by regulations, make provision for—the appointment, tenure, and vacation of office, of
5. The proceedings of the Agency or of any committee thereof shall not be invalidated by

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## PART II — SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS AS TO THE AGENCY

### Acquisition, etc., of land

6. So much of section 19 of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 as relates to

### Committees

7. The Agency shall, subject to sub-paragraph (5), appoint such committees as the Ministry may determine. Without

### Sub-committees

8. The Agency, or a committee appointed by the Agency, may, subject to sub-paragraph (3), appoint

### Procedure

9. The Agency shall make standing orders with regard to its procedure (including the fixing of

### Disclosure of pecuniary, etc., interests and related provisions

10. Sections 28 to 33 and 146 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 and

### Officers

11. The qualifications, remuneration and conditions of service of officers of the Agency shall be determined

### The seal

12. The seal of the Agency shall be authenticated by the signatures of at least one

### Execution of contracts and instruments not under seal

13. Any contract or instrument which, if entered into or executed by an individual, would not

— Schedule 4 rep. by 1991 NI 1

— Schedule 5 rep. by 1992 NI 20



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#### SCHEDULE 6 — REMOVAL TO SUITABLE PREMISES OF PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION

1. Where an officer, being a social worker, of the responsible authority (a) has reason to...
2. (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), on any such application the court may, if satisfied on...
3. An order under paragraph 2 may be made so as to authorise a person's detention...
4. An order under paragraph 2 may be varied by an order of the court so...
5. At any time after the expiration of six weeks from the making of an order...
6. An application under this Schedule shall not be entertained by the court unless, three clear...
7. A person in respect of whom an application is made under this Schedule, and any...
8. Where the premises in which a person is maintained under...
9. Any expenditure incurred by the responsible authority under paragraph 8 shall be recoverable by the...
10. Any person who wilfully disobeys, or obstructs the execution of, an order under paragraph 2...
11. In the exercise of its functions under this Schedule the responsible authority shall act in...
12. In this Schedule— (a) “responsible authority”, in relation...

#### SCHEDULE 7 — MODIFICATIONS OF SCHEDULE 6 TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1972 FOR THE PURPOSES OF ARTICLE 48

1. References to the Ministry or to the council shall be construed as references to the...
2. References to the said Schedule 6 shall be construed as references to that Schedule as...
3. Paragraph 1 shall be omitted.
4. In paragraph 2— (a) for the words from the beginning to “directs,” there shall be...
5. In paragraph 3(1)(ii) for the word “refuse” there shall be substituted the words “decide...”
6. In paragraph 4 the words from “and may provide” to the end of the paragraph...
7. In paragraph 5— (a) in sub-paragraph (1)( a ) the words “in the prescribed form...”
8. In paragraph 6(2) for the words “fund out of which the expenses of the council...”
9. In paragraph 11(3) the words “in the prescribed form” shall be omitted.
10. In paragraph 12— (a) in sub-paragraph (1) the word “such” and the words “as may...”
11. In paragraph 14(1) the words “in the prescribed form” shall be omitted.
12. In paragraph 15(1) for the words “in the prescribed form” there shall be substituted the...
13. Paragraph 19 shall be omitted.
14. In paragraph 20, sub-paragraph (2) shall be omitted.

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1. The Department may, in accordance with paragraphs 1A to 5,...
- 1A Loans to practitioners providing primary medical services (GP loans”) are...
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3. No regulations may be made under paragraph 1A unless a...
4. Where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Ministry...
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— Sale of medical practices

(1) (1) It is unlawful to sell the goodwill of the medical practice of a...

1. (1) It is unlawful to sell the goodwill of the...

Prohibition, and certificate of Health and Social Services Board

2. (1) Any person who sells or buys the goodwill of...

Certain transactions deemed sale of goodwill

3. (1) For the purposes of paragraphs 1 and 2, a disposal of premises previously used...

Carried-over goodwill

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1. (1) There shall continue to be a tribunal ( “the...

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2. (1) Where an ophthalmic optician is a body corporate, the body corporate is to be...

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#### Powers of the Tribunal

- (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where the Tribunal is of the...

#### Conditional disqualification

- (1) The functions of making disqualifications under paragraph 3 include...

#### Review etc. of disqualification

- (1) The Tribunal may review any disqualification, conditional disqualification or...

#### Appeals

- Any person aggrieved by any determination of the Tribunal under this Part may appeal to...

#### Disqualification provisions in Scotland or England and Wales

- (1) Where— (a) under or by virtue of any provisions...

#### Regulations

- (1) Regulations shall make provision— (a) for inquiries under this Schedule to be held in...

#### Applications for interim suspension

- (1) The Department may, if it has made representations under...

#### Suspension pending appeal

- (1) Where, on disposing of a case under paragraph 3, the Tribunal makes a general...

#### Paragraphs 9 and 10: procedure

- (1) Before making a direction under paragraph 9(3) or 10(1) in relation to any person,...

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#### Suspension provisions in Scotland or England and Wales

12. (1) This paragraph applies where it appears to the Department that there is provision in...

#### Payments in consequence of suspension

13. (1) Regulations may provide for the making to persons to whom paragraph 9(5) or 12(2)...

#### Removal of persons from list

14. Where any of the services mentioned in paragraph 1(8)(a) to...

#### PART II — CONSTITUTION OF THE TRIBUNAL

#### Membership

15. The Tribunal shall consist of— (a) a chairman appointed by the Lord Chief Justice; (b)...

#### Chairman and deputy chairman

16. A person appointed as the chairman or a deputy chairman shall be either a barrister-at-law...

#### Other members of the Tribunal

17. (1) Any appointment for the purposes of paragraph 15(c) shall...

#### Functions of the Tribunal

18. (1) The functions of the Tribunal shall be exercised by three members consisting of— (a)...

#### Regulations

19. Regulations may provide for the appointment, tenure of office and vacation of office of members...

#### SCHEDULE 12 — FORMER DISPENSARY PROPERTY, ETC.

1. Where a medical practitioner was in occupation of any dispensary residence immediately before the 5th...
2. Notwithstanding anything in any transferred provision, or in any conveyance, trust deed or other instrument...

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3. Where the Ministry is satisfied that any property to which this Schedule applies (other than...
4. The Ministry shall, before disposing of any such property, notify the district council for the...
5. If the district council which has been notified pursuant to paragraph 4, by resolution duly...
6. A district council to which the interests, rights or liabilities in any property are transferred...
7. Where, under paragraph 3 or 6, any property is disposed of by the Ministry or...
8. Any district council by which any money is received under paragraph 7 in pursuance of...

#### SCHEDULE 13 —

1. An order under Article 76(1) may include provision—for the manner in which it is to
2. Where an order makes provision as mentioned in paragraph 1( f) the order shall be

#### SCHEDULE 14 — ENDOWMENTS OF CERTAIN HOSPITALS

1. Any endowment to which this Schedule applies shall, notwithstanding anything...
2. Where the Health and Social Services Board is satisfied that...

#### SCHEDULE 15 — CHARGES IN RESPECT OF CERTAIN SERVICES, AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

— (1) Regulations made with the approval of the Ministry of Finance may provide— (a) for...

1. Regulations made with the approval of the Ministry of Finance may provide — (a) for the...
- 1A (1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph, regulations made with the approval of...
- 1B (1) Descriptions of persons may be prescribed for the purposes of paragraph 1(b) by reference...
2. Regulations made under paragraph 1 may provide that sums which...
- 2A (1) The Department shall by regulations provide for payments to...
3. Subject to paragraph 4, any charges under this Order shall, without prejudice to any other...
4. Any person entitled to recover charges under this Order may, by agreement with the governing...
5. (1) Where goods or services are provided under this Order and either— (a) any charge...
6. (1) Regulations may provide that, where a person fails to pay— (a) any amount recoverable...
7. (1) A person is guilty of an offence if he does any act mentioned in...
9. Without prejudice to any other provision of this Schedule, it shall be lawful for the...
10. Nothing in Article 98(1) shall operate to restrict the making of provision under this Schedule...

#### SCHEDULE 15A — DENTAL CHARGING: EXEMPTIONS

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*General exemptions*

1. (1) No charge is to be made under regulations under paragraph 1A(1) of Schedule 15...

*Repair and replacement*

2. (1) No charge is to be made under regulations under paragraph 1A(1) of Schedule 15...

*Exceptions to paragraphs 1 and 2*

3. Paragraphs 1 and 2 do not apply in relation to— (a) the repair or replacement...

*Hospital patients*

4. No charge is to be made under regulations under paragraph 1A(1) of Schedule 15 in...
5. Paragraph 4 does not apply where an appliance is supplied— (a) under Article 60A(2); (b)...

*Arrest of bleeding*

6. No charge is to be made under regulations under paragraph 1A(1) of Schedule 15 in...

*Declarations and evidence*

7. Regulations may provide, with respect to any exemption under this Schedule, that it is to...

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*Exempted hospitals*

1. (1) The repeal by this Order of paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 11 to the Health...

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2. The repeal by this Order of paragraph 2 of Schedule 11 to the Health Services...

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Saving for allowances, pensions, gratuities and compensation

3. The repeal of any enactment by this Order or by any enactment repealed by this...

Special provisions as to certain property

4. The Belfast City Council may exercise the power conferred on the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and...

Temporary provision as to compensation

5. (1) Where— (a) in accordance with any enactment mentioned in sub-paragraph (4), compensation has been...  
Para. 6 rep. by 1978 NI 15

Saving for powers of Ministry of Development to dispose of former workhouse property

7. (1) The repeal of paragraph 1 of Schedule 3 to the Welfare Services Act (Northern...

Care of patients under Part III of Mental Health Act

8. Where immediately before [ 1st October, 1973] a hospital order or a guardianship order made...  
Para. 9. rep. by 1995 NI 2

Saving for sections 28 and 29 of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954

10. Nothing in this Order shall affect the provisions of sections 28 and 29 of the...

— Schedule 18—Repeals

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- Instrument amended by 1995 c. 51 s.4Sch. para.30
- art. 2(2) words inserted by 2008 c. 2 (N.I.) s. 14(2)
- art. 15B cross-heading words substituted by 2008 c. 2 (N.I.) s. 5(2)(a)
- art. 15B heading words substituted by 2008 c. 2 (N.I.) s. 5(2)(a)
- art. 15B(1)(b) words substituted by 2008 c. 2 (N.I.) s. 5(2)(b)
- art. 15B(2)(a) words substituted by 2008 c. 2 (N.I.) s. 5(2)(b)
- art. 15B(2)(b)(i) words substituted by 2008 c. 2 (N.I.) s. 5(2)(b)
- art. 15B(3) repealed by 2008 c. 2 (N.I.) s. 5(2)(c)Sch. 2 Pt. 2
- art. 15B(4) words inserted by 2016 c. 26 (N.I.) s. 13(1)
- art. 15B(4) words substituted by 2008 c. 2 (N.I.) s. 5(2)(b)
- art. 15B(6) repealed by 2008 c. 2 (N.I.) s. 5(2)(c)Sch. 2 Pt. 2
- art. 15C(1)(b)(iii) substituted by 2016 c. 26 (N.I.) s. 13(2)
- art. 15C(1)(b)(iii) words substituted by 2008 c. 2 (N.I.) s. 14(3)
- art. 15C(1)(c) substituted by 2008 c. 2 (N.I.) s. 5(3) (This amending provision is itself amended (13.6.2016) before it comes into force by 2016 c. 26 (N.I.), ss. 13(5), 20(2))
- art. 15C(1A) words substituted by 2008 c. 2 (N.I.) s. 5(4)
- art. 15C(2) words added by 2016 c. 26 (N.I.) s. 13(3)(a)(ii)
- art. 15C(2) words inserted by 2008 c. 2 (N.I.) s. 5(5)(a)(i)
- art. 15C(2) words inserted by 2016 c. 26 (N.I.) s. 13(3)(c)
- art. 15C(2) words omitted by 2008 c. 2 (N.I.) s. 5(5)(a)(ii)(b)Sch. 2 Pt. 2
- art. 15C(2) words repealed by 2008 c. 2 (N.I.) s. 5(5)(a)(ii)(b)Sch. 2 Pt. 2
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- art. 15D heading words substituted by 2008 c. 2 (N.I.) s. 5(6)(a)
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- art. 15D(3)(j) repealed by 2016 c. 26 (N.I.) s. 13(4)Sch. 2 Pt. 2
- art. 15D(3)(ca) words inserted by 2008 c. 2 (N.I.) s. 5(7)
- art. 15D(3C) words inserted by 2008 c. 2 (N.I.) s. 5(8)
- art. 15D(3E) words inserted by 2008 c. 2 (N.I.) s. 5(7)
- art. 15D(6) words repealed by 2008 c. 2 (N.I.) s. 5(9)(b)Sch. 2 Pt. 2
- art. 15D(6) words substituted by 2008 c. 2 (N.I.) s. 5(9)(a)
- art. 15F repealed by 2008 c. 2 (N.I.) s. 5(10)Sch. 2 Pt. 2
- art.30(2)(c) amended by 1994 c. 22 s.63Sch.3 para 6
- art. 57H(1)(a) substituted by 2008 c. 2 (N.I.) s. 7
- art. 61 cross-heading omitted by 2008 c. 2 (N.I.) s. 2(1)
- art. 107(1) words inserted by 2008 c. 2 (N.I.) s. 4(4)(a)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- art. 56(4C)(4D) substituted by S.I. 2002/3135 Sch. 1 para. 16 (This amendment has not been applied as it has been superceded by the substitution of art. 56 by 2004/311 NI 2 art. 3)



- art. 61-61E and art. 61F and cross-heading substituted for art. 61 by [2008 c. 2 \(N.I.\) s. 2\(2\)](#) (This amending provision is itself amended (13.6.2016) before it comes into force by 2016 c. 26 (N.I.), ss. 9, 20(2))
- art. 98(3) added by [2008 c. 2 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(1\)](#)
- art. 107(1A) inserted by [2008 c. 2 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(4\)\(b\)](#)