

**2003 No. 348 (C. 26)**

**HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES**

**The Health and Personal Social Services (Quality,  
Improvement and Regulation) (2003 Order)  
(Commencement No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003**

*Made* - - - - - *23rd July 2003*

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 1(3) of the Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation**

**1.** This Order may be cited as the Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (2003 Order) (Commencement No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003.

**Appointed day**

**2.** 1st September 2003 is the appointed day for the coming into operation of the following provisions of the Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 –

- (a) Article 3 and Schedule 1 (the Regulation and Improvement Authority);
- (b) Article 6 (Regulations and directions);
- (c) Article 38 (1), (2) and (3) (Statements of minimum standards);
- (d) Article 48 (Regulations, orders and directions) and
- (e) Article 50 (1) and Schedule 4 in so far as they relate to amendments to the Superannuation (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(b) and the Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975(c).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety on 23rd July 2003.

(L.S.)

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(a) S.I. 2003/431 (N.I. 9)  
(b) S.I. 1972/1073 (N.I. 10)  
(c) S.I. 1975 (C. 25)

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order brings into operation on 1st September 2003 further provisions of the Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003.

Article 2 sets out the provisions of the Order which are to come into operation on 1st September 2003.

These include establishment of the Health and Personal Social Services Regulation and Improvement Authority as a body corporate; powers to make regulations and directions related to the exercise of the functions of the Health and Personal Social Services Regulation and Improvement Authority; provisions for preparation, publication, review of, and consultation on statements of minimum standards, and certain related amendments to other legislation.

## NOTES AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENTS

The following provisions of the Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 were brought into operation by the Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (2003 Order) (Commencement No. 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003 (No. 239. C 18) on 25th April 2003:

Article 34 (Duty of Quality);

Article 46 (Rules regarding course for persons who are or who wish to become social workers) and

Article 47 (Arrangements for provision of pharmaceutical services to pharmacists)

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