STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2017 No. 132

TRADE UNIONS

The Important Public Services (Health) Regulations 2017

Made - - - - 9th February 2017

Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 226(2D) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992(**1**), makes the following Regulations.

A draft of these Regulations was laid before Parliament in accordance with section 226(2F) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992(**2**) and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Important Public Services (Health) Regulations 2017.

(2) These Regulations come into force on—

(a) 1st March 2017, or

(b) if later, at the end of the period of 21 days beginning with the day on which they are made.

Health services

2.—(1) The following health services are important public services for the purposes of section 226 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992—

(a) the ambulance services listed in paragraph (3) provided in an emergency;

(b) accident and emergency services in a hospital;

(c) services which are provided in high-dependency units and intensive care in a hospital;

(d) psychiatric services provided in a hospital for conditions which require immediate attention in order to prevent serious injury, serious illness or loss of life; and

(e) obstetric and midwifery services provided in a hospital for conditions which require immediate attention in order to prevent serious injury, serious illness or loss of life.

(**1**) 1992 c.52. Section 226(2D) was inserted by section 3 of the Trade Union Act 2016 (c.15).
(**2**) Section 226(2F) was inserted by section 3 of the Trade Union Act 2016.