STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2014 No. 288

DANGEROUS DRUGS

The Misuse of Drugs (Amendment No.4) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014

Made - - - -	*20th November 2014*
Coming into operation	*11th December 2014*

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 7,10, 22 and 31 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (**1**) as adapted by sections 7(9), 31(4) and 38 of that Act and now vested in it (**2**) and after consultation with the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs in accordance with section 31(3) of that Act.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment No.4) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 and shall come into operation on 11th December 2014.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 (**3**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Amendments to the Misuse of Drugs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002

2. Regulation 6A of the Misuse of Drugs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (**4**) shall be amended as provided by regulation 3.

3. After paragraph (2) insert—

"(3) Despite the provisions of section 9A(1) and (3) of the Act (**5**), a person employed or engaged in the lawful provision of drug treatment services may, when acting in that capacity, supply or offer to supply aluminium foil in the context of structured steps—

(a) to engage a patient in a drug treatment plan, or

(b) which form part of a patient's drug treatment plan.

(**1**) 1971 c.38. as amended by s.151 of, and Schedule 17 to, the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 c.13.
(**2**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No.504, Article 5(a) and S.I.1999/283 (N.I.1), Article 3(6).
(**3**) 1954 c.33 (N.I.).
(**4**) S.R.2002 No.1. Regulation 6A was inserted by S.R. 2003/324 and amended by S.R. 2005/119, 2005/564 and 2012/168.
(**5**) Section 9A was inserted by section 34(1) of the Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986 (c. 32).