STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2005 No. 189 (C. 13)

CHILDREN

The Children Leaving Care (2002 Act) (Commencement No. 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 2005

Made - - - - 1st April 2005

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 9(2) and (4) of the Children (Leaving Care) Act (Northern Ireland) 2002(**1**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Children Leaving Care (2002 Act) (Commencement No. 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 2005.

Appointed Day

2.—(1) Subject to para 2 the 1st September 2005 is the day appointed for the coming into operation of sections 1 to 5 and 7 of the Children (Leaving Care) Act (Northern Ireland) 2002.

(2) 25th April 2005 is the day appointed for the coming into operation of sections 1 to 5 of the Children (Leaving Care) Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 only for the purposes of making regulations.

Transitional Provision

3. Where a child who becomes a former relevant child on or before 1st December 2005 does not already have a pathway plan, the authority shall (as the circumstances require) assess his needs and prepare a pathway plan for him in accordance with the regulations to be made under sections 1 to 5 of the Children (Leaving Care) Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 as if he were (as the case may be) still an eligible child or a relevant child.

(**1**) 2002 c. 11 (N.I.)