STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1998 No. 427

MENTAL HEALTH

The Mental Health (Nurses, Guardianship, Consent to Treatment and Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998

Made - - - -	*8th December 1998*
Coming into operation	*25th January 1999*

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 7(3) and Article 135(1) of the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986(**1**), and of all powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Mental Health (Nurses, Guardianship, Consent to Treatment and Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998 and shall come into operation on 25th January 1999.

(2) In these regulations,

"the principal regulations" means the Mental Health (Nurses, Guardianship, Consent to treatment and Prescribed Forms) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986(**2**)

Amendment of regulation 3 of the principle regulations

2. For the existing regulation 3 there shall be substituted:

"For the purposes of Article 7(3) (power to detain patient in hospital for maximum of 6 hours), a nurse of the prescribed class shall be a nurse registered in Part 3 (first level nurses trained in the nursing of persons suffering from mental illness), Part 4 (second level nurses trained in the nursing of persons suffering from mental illness (England and Wales)), Part 5 (first level nurses trained in the nursing of persons suffering from learning disabilities), Part 6 (second level nurses trained in the nursing of persons suffering from learning disabilities (England and Wales)), Part 7 (second level nurses (Scotland and Northern Ireland)) who is assessed as competent in the nursing of persons suffering from mental illness or learning disabilities, Part 13 (nurses qualified following a course of preparation in mental health nursing) or Part 14 (nurses qualified following a course

(**1**) S.I. 1986/595 N.I. 4)
(**2**) S.R. 1986 No. 174, the relevant amending rules are S.R. 1994 No. 65 and S.R. 1994 No. 349

of preparation in learning disabilities nursing) of the register prepared and maintained under section 7 of the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1997(**3**) (the professional register).".

Amendment of Schedule to the principal regulations

3. In the Schedule to the principal regulations, for Form 6 there shall be substituted Form 6 in the Schedule.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on

8th December 1998.

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(**3**) 1997 c. 24; for the parts of the register *see* S.I.1983/667, the relevant amending rules are S.I. 1989/1445 and S.I. 1998/2623