STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1996 No. 20

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

The Homefirst Community Health and Social Services Trust (Establishment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996

Made - - - -	*30th January 1996*
Coming into operation	*1st February 1996*

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 10(1) of, and paragraphs 1, 3, 3A, 4, 5 and 6(2)(*d*) of Schedule 3 to, the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1991(**1**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, having consulted the persons or bodies referred to in Article 10(2) of that Order, hereby makes the following order:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Homefirst Community Health and Social Services Trust (Establishment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 and shall come into operation on 1st February 1996.

(2) In this order—

"the Order" means the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1991;

"establishment date" means 1st February 1996;

"operational area" has the meaning assigned to it by paragraph 3A of Schedule 3 to the Order;

"operational date" has the meaning assigned to it by paragraph 3(1)(*e*) of Schedule 3 to the Order;

"relevant functions" has the meaning assigned to it by Article 3(2) of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1994(**2**);

"the trust" means the Homefirst Community Health and Social Services Trust established by Article 2.

Establishment of the trust

2. There is hereby established an HSS trust which shall be called the Homefirst Community Health and Social Services Trust.

(**1**) S.I.1991/194 (N.I. 1); Article 10(1) was amended, and paragraph 3A of Schedule 3 was inserted, by S.I. 1994/429 (N.I. 2); paragraph 1 of Schedule 3 is cited for the definition of "an order"

(**2**) S.I. 1994/429 (N.I. 2); the relevant functions are specified in S.R. 1994 No. 64

Nature and functions of the trust

3.—(1) The trust is established for the purposes specified in Article 10(1) of the Order.

(2) The trust's functions (which include functions which the Department considers appropriate in relation to the provision of services by the trust for one or more relevant bodies) shall be—

(a) to own and manage hospital accommodation and services provided at Holywell Hospital, 60 Steeple Road, Antrim BT41 2RJ and associated premises;

(b) to manage community-based health and personal social services provided from Homefirst Community Unit, The Cottage, 5 Greenmount Avenue, Ballymena, Co. Antrim BT43 6DA and to own those and any associated premises; and

(c) to exercise, on behalf of Health and Social Services Boards, such relevant functions as are so exercisable by the trust by virtue of authorisations for the time being in operation under Article 3(1) of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1994.

Operational area of the trust

4. The operational area of the trust shall be—

(a) for the purposes of the statutory provisions specified in Part I of the Schedule, the local government districts of Antrim, Ballymena, Carrickfergus, Cookstown, Larne, Magherafelt and Newtownabbey;

(b) for the purposes of the statutory provisions specified in Part II of the Schedule, Northern Ireland.

Directors of the trust

5. The trust shall have, in addition to the chairman, 5 non-executive directors and 5 executive directors.

Operational date of the trust

6. The operational date of the trust shall be 1st April 1996.

Limited functions before operational date

7. Between its establishment and operational date, the trust shall have the limited functions of—

(a) entering into HSS contracts;

(b) entering into other contracts including contracts of employment; and

(c) doing such other things as are reasonably necessary,

for the purpose of enabling it to begin to operate satisfactorily with effect from its operational date.

Assistance by a relevant body before operational date

8.—(1) The Northern Health and Social Services Board shall—

(a) until the operational date make such staff and facilities available to the trust as are required to enable the trust to carry out its limited functions pending the transfer or appointment of staff to or by the trust and the transfer of facilities to the trust;

(b) make available such premises as are required to enable the trust to carry out its limited functions pending the transfer of those premises to the trust.