4. A Deputy Medical Officer of Health and an Assistant Medical Officer of a county or county borough shall perform such duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Medical Officer of Health of the county or county borough as the case may be or by the health authority.

5. The Health Authorities (Qualifications and Duties of Medical Officers) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1947, (a) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this twenty-second day of January, One thousand nine hundred and forty eight in the presence of

(L.S.) *Thos. Elwood,*
Assistant Secretary.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Boards of Guardians to Welfare Authorities

Transfer of Miscellaneous Residual Functions and abolition of Boards of Guardians

ORDER, DATED THE 5TH DAY OF JULY, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER SECTIONS EIGHT AND TWENTY-EIGHT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

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WHEREAS it is provided in sections two and eight of the Public Health and Local Government (Administrative Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1946 (in this Order referred to as " the Act of 1946 ") that the Ministry of Health and Local Government (in this Order referred to as " the Ministry ") may from time to time by order or orders transfer to health authorities or to welfare authorities any functions of Boards of Guardians or of any officers of such Boards ;

AND WHEREAS it is further provided in section twenty-eight of the Act of 1946 that such an order may make provision for the abolition of any Board of Guardians from whom all functions have been or by that order are transferred ;

AND WHEREAS it appears to the Ministry to be necessary for giving full effect to the provisions of the Act that the remaining functions of

(a) S. R. & O. (N.I.) 1947, No. 19.

Boards of Guardians should now be transferred and that the said Boards be abolished ;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ministry in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Act of 1946 hereby orders as follows :—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Public Health and Local Government (Abolition of Boards of Guardians) Order (Northern Ireland), 1948.

(2) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meaning hereby assigned to them, that is to say :—

" appointed day " means the 5th day of July, 1948 ;

" appropriate authority " means a Rural District Council the area of which is contained within the area of the transferor or the Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority or the Northern Ireland General Health Services Board or the National Assistance Board for Northern Ireland as the case may be ;

" transferor " means the Board of Guardians of a Poor Law Union ;

" transferee " means the welfare authority for the area in which the area or part of the area of the transferor is situate as the as the case may require ;

" valuation " means the net annual value of all the hereditaments in the area of a local authority as shown in the valuation lists for the time being in force under the Valuation Acts (Northern Ireland), 1852 to 1940.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1921, shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of this Order in like manner as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

Transfer of residual functions

2.—(1) The functions exercisable by a transferor immediately before the appointed day under the enactments set forth in the Schedule to this Order shall, as from that day, be transferred to the transferee.

(2) The functions exercisable by a transferor immediately before the appointed day relative to relief in a workhouse (not being medical relief) of any able-bodied person or persons under the provisions of the Poor Relief Acts (Northern Ireland), 1838 to 1937, shall as from the appointed day be transferred to the transferee and shall be exercised by the transferee for a period not exceeding six months from the appointed day ; the said functions shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of section seventeen of the Act of 1946.

3. As from the appointed day there shall be transferred to the transferee all the liabilities of the transferor incurred in the exercise of