Boards of Guardians to Welfare Authorities

ORDER, DATED 13TH FEBRUARY, 1948, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER SECTION EIGHT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

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The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section eight of the Public Health and Local Government (Administrative Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1946 (in this Order referred to as " the Act "), hereby orders as follows :—

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

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

" appointed day " means the first day of April, 1948 ;

" hospital " means any institution for the reception and treatment of persons suffering from illness or mental deficiency, any maternity home or any institution for the reception and treatment of persons during convalescence or persons requiring medical rehabilitation ;

" medical relief " means relief administered in a hospital ;

" 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 case may require.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1921 applies 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.

2. The functions exercisable immediately before the appointed day by a transferor relative to relief in a workhouse (not being medical relief) of any person or persons, except vagrants, under the enactments set forth in the Schedule to this Order shall, as from the appointed day, be transferred to the transferee.

3. As from the date of this Order the functions of a transferor under section thirty-four and sub-section (26) of section one hundred and thirty-three of the Children Act, 1908 shall be and are hereby transferred to the transferee, and the provisions of this Order shall apply to those enactments.

4.—(1) As from the appointed day, in the construction and for the purposes of the enactments set forth in the Schedule to this Order, and in their application to the functions transferred by this Order :—