
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1997 No. 1177

**The Health Services (Primary Care)
(Northern Ireland) Order 1997**

PART I

INTRODUCTORY

Title and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Health Services (Primary Care) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997.

(2) This Order shall come into operation on such day or days as the Department may by order appoint.

(3) The Department may not make an order under paragraph (2) bringing Article 21 into operation unless it is satisfied, having regard in particular to reviews of pilot schemes which have been conducted under Article 9, that it would be in the interests of any part of the health services to bring Article 21 into operation.

(4) An order under paragraph (2) may contain such transitional provisions or savings as the Department considers appropriate.

(5) A board or HSS trust is to be taken as having, at any time before the coming into operation of any provision of this Order, power to prepare for that coming into operation.

Interpretation

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 shall apply to Article 1 and the following provisions of this Order as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), this Order is to be read as one with the 1972 Order.

(3) In this Order—

“board” means a Health and Social Services Board;

“the 1972 Order” means the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972;

“pilot scheme” and “piloted services” have the meaning given in Article 3;

“regulations” means regulations under this Order.

(4) Except in Articles 15B and 15D of the 1972 Order—

(a) references in any statutory provision to arrangements made under Article 15B of the 1972 Order are to be read, except where the context otherwise requires, as including references to pilot schemes; and

(b) references in any statutory provision to services under Article 15B of the 1972 Order, or to services provided in accordance with arrangements made under that Article, are to be read, except where the context otherwise requires, as including references to piloted services.