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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2014 No. 2854**

**SOCIAL CARE, ENGLAND**

**The Care and Support (Sight-impaired and Severely Sight-impaired Adults) Regulations 2014**

*Made - - - - 22nd October 2014*  
*Laid before Parliament 30th October 2014*  
*Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1(1)*

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the power conferred by section 77(2) of the Care Act 2014(1).

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Care and Support (Sight-impaired and Severely Sight-impaired Adults) Regulations 2014 and come into force immediately after section 77(1) of the Care Act 2014 comes fully into force.

(2) In these Regulations “consultant ophthalmologist” means a consultant or honorary consultant appointed in the medical speciality of ophthalmology, who is employed for the purposes of providing any service as part of the health service(2).

**Persons to be treated as sight-impaired or severely sight-impaired**

2.—(1) For the purposes of section 77 of the Care Act 2014, a person is to be treated as being sight-impaired if the person is certified as such by a consultant ophthalmologist.

(2) For the purposes of that section, a person is to be treated as being severely sight-impaired if the person is certified as such by a consultant ophthalmologist.

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(1) 2014 c. 23. The power to make regulations is exercisable by the Secretary of State - *see* section 125(1).  
(2) This is defined in section 126 of the Care Act 2014.

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**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health.

22nd October 2014

*Norman Lamb*  
Minister of State  
Department of Health

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

Section 77(1) of the Care Act 2014 sets out the requirement on local authorities to establish and maintain a register of adults who are ordinarily resident in their area and are sight-impaired or severely sight-impaired. These Regulations specify the persons who are to be treated as being sight-impaired and severely sight-impaired for the purposes of that section.

A separate impact assessment has not been prepared for these Regulations. These Regulations are part of a package of legislative measures and the relevant impact assessment can be requested via [careactconsultation@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:careactconsultation@dh.gsi.gov.uk) or Department of Health, Richmond House, 79 Whitehall, London SW1A 2NS and is available online at <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health>.