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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1986 No. 2229**

**The Health and Personal Social Services and  
Public Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986**

Public health

***Removal to, or detention in, hospital of person with notifiable disease***

18. After section 3 of the Public Health Act there shall be inserted—

**“Removal to hospital of person with notifiable disease.**

**3A.**—(1) Where a resident magistrate is satisfied, on the application of a Health and Social Services Board that a person is suffering from a notifiable disease and that serious risk of infection is thereby caused to other persons, the magistrate may order him to be removed to a hospital.

(2) An order under this section may be addressed to an authorised officer and that officer and any other authorised officer may do all acts necessary for giving effect to the order.

**Detention in hospital of person with notifiable disease.**

**3B.**—(1) Where a resident magistrate is satisfied, on the application of a Health and Social Services Board, that serious risk of infection would be caused to persons if an in-patient of a hospital who is suffering from a notifiable disease were to leave the hospital, the magistrate may order the in-patient to be detained in the hospital.

(2) An order under subsection (1) may direct detention for a period specified in the order, but any resident magistrate may extend a period so specified as often as it appears to him to be necessary to do so.

(3) Any person who leaves a hospital contrary to an order made under this section for his detention there shall be guilty of an offence under this Part and the court may order him to be taken back to hospital.

(4) An order under this section may be addressed to an authorised officer and that officer and any other authorised officer may do all acts necessary for giving effect to the order.”.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Health and Personal Social Services and Public Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986, Section 18.