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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2001 No. 76**

**NURSES, MIDWIVES AND HEALTH VISITORS**

The Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors  
(Professional Conduct) (Amendment) Rules  
2001, Approval Order (Northern Ireland) 2001

*Made - - - - 16th February 2001*

*Coming into operation 7th March 2001*

I, the Right Honourable Sir Robert Carswell, Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by sections 19(5) and 22(3) of, and Schedule 3 to, the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1997(1) and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, hereby approve the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors (Professional Conduct) (Amendment) Rules 2001 made by the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting and set out in the Schedule hereto.

This Order may be cited as the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors (Professional Conduct) (Amendment) Rules 2001, Approval Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 and shall come into operation on 7th March 2001.

Dated 16th February 2001

*Robert Carswell*  
Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland

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## SCHEDULE

The Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors (Professional Conduct) (Amendment) Rules 2001  
The United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 10 of the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1997<sup>(2)</sup>, hereby makes the following rules—

### *Citation and interpretation*

1.—(1) These rules may be cited as the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors (Professional Conduct) (Amendment) Rules 2001.

(2) For the purposes of these rules “the Professional Conduct rules” means the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors (Professional Conduct) Rules 1993<sup>(3)</sup>.

### *Amendment of the Professional Conduct rules*

2.—(1) The Professional Conduct rules shall be amended in accordance with the following paragraphs of this rule.

(2) In rule 7(5) (Preliminary Proceedings Committee) for the number “3” there shall be substituted the number “2”.

(3) In rule 12(2) (Professional Conduct Committee) for the word “three” there shall be substituted the word “two”.

(4) In rule 29 (Health Committee)—

(a) in paragraph (1) the word “comprise” shall be deleted and shall be replaced by the word “include”;

(b) in paragraph (5)—

(i) the word “members” shall be deleted, and

(ii) after the second use of the word “chairman” there shall be added the words “, who shall be a member of the Council,”.

(c) for paragraph (6) there shall be substituted the following—

“(6) The Health Committee shall be quorate if at least two members of the Council constitute a majority of those considering a particular case.”

(5) In rule 30 (Appointment of persons to conduct initial consideration of cases), in paragraph (1) the words “its members to be” shall be deleted.

Given under the Official Seal

of the UNITED KINGDOM CENTRAL  
COUNCIL FOR NURSING, MIDWIFERY  
AND HEALTH VISITING this 1st day of  
February, 2001.

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(2) 1997 c. 24

(3) S.I.1993/893 to which there are amendments not relevant to these rules

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*Alison Norman*  
President

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Chief Executive/Registrar

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order approves, as respects proceedings in Northern Ireland, the Rules set out in the Schedule. These amend the Professional Conduct Rules of the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting so as to reduce from three to two the quorum of each of the Preliminary Proceedings Committee, the Professional Conduct Committee and the Health Committee.