

SCHEDULE 2

AMENDMENT OF THE HOUSING BENEFIT (GENERAL) REGULATIONS

1. In regulation 2 (interpretation)—

(a) in paragraph (1)—

- (i) after the definition of “the Registered Homes Order”(1) there shall be inserted the following definition—

““Abbeyfield Home” means an establishment run by the Abbeyfield Society including all bodies corporate or incorporate which are affiliated to that Society;”;

- (ii) for the definition of “hostel”(2) substitute—

““hostel” means a building—

- (a) in which there is provided for persons generally or for a class of persons, domestic accommodation, otherwise than in separate and self-contained premises, and either board or facilities for the preparation of food adequate to the needs of those persons, or both and—

- (b) which is—

- (i) managed or owned by a registered housing association, or
(ii) operated other than on a commercial basis and in respect of which funds are provided wholly or in part by a government department or agency, the Executive or a Health and Social Services Board or HSS trust, or
(iii) managed by a voluntary organisation or charity and provides care, support or supervision with a view to assisting those persons to be rehabilitated or resettled within the community, and

- (c) which is not—

- (i) a residential care home;
(ii) a nursing home;
(iii) an independent hospital, or
(iv) an Abbeyfield Home;”;

- (iii) after the definition of “an income-based jobseeker’s allowance”(3) there shall be inserted the following definition—

““independent hospital” has the meaning assigned to it by Article 2(2) of the Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003;”;

- (iv) after the definition of “the normal regional rate”(4) there shall be inserted the following definition—

““nursing home” has the meaning it has for the purposes of the Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 by virtue of Article 11 of that Order;”;

- (v) after the definition of “rent” there shall be inserted the following definition—

(1) The definition of “the Registered Homes Order” was inserted by regulation 3(2) of S.R. 1993 No. 149

(2) The definition of “hostel” was inserted by regulation 3 of S.R. 1999 No. 372

(3) The definition of “an income-based jobseeker’s allowance” was inserted by regulation 2(a)(iii) of S.R. 1996 No. 334

(4) The definition of “the normal regional rate” was inserted by regulation 2 of S.R. 1991 No. 176

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““residential care home” has the meaning it has for the purposes of the Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 by virtue of Article 10 of that Order;”.