

**2011 No. 115**

**MENTAL HEALTH**

**The Supervision and Treatment Orders (Maximum Period)  
Order (Northern Ireland) 2011**

*Made* - - - - *16th March 2011*

*Coming into operation* - *30th June 2011*

The Department of Justice makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 1(2) and (3) of Schedule 2A to the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (a) and now invested in it (b).

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Supervision and Treatment Orders (Maximum Period) (Northern Ireland) Order 2011 and shall come into operation on 30th June 2011.

**Amendment to the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986**

2.—(1) Schedule 2A to the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (supervision and treatment orders) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 1(1)(a) for “2 years” substitute “3 years”.

(3) In paragraph 8(2) for “2 years” substitute “3 years”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Justice on 16th March 2011

(L.S.)

*David Ford*  
Minister of Justice

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(a) S.I. 1986/595 (N.I. 4). Schedule 2A was inserted by Article 51(4) of, and Schedule 4 to, the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/3160 (N.I. 24)).

(b) Article 4(1) of, and paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to, the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976) transferred functions of the Secretary of State under the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 to the Department of Justice.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order amends paragraph 1(1)(a) of Schedule 2A to the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (“the 1986 Order”) to increase, from 2 years to 3 years, the maximum period for supervision and treatment orders. It also makes a related amendment to paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 2A to the 1986 Order.

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