

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Health and Social Care Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (General Dental and Ophthalmic Services Consequential and Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022

Insert SR No. 104

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Department of Health to accompany the Statutory Rule (details above) which is laid before the Northern Ireland Assembly.
- 1.2. The Statutory Rule is made under powers conferred by Articles 26(2), 61, 62, 63, 64, 95, 98, 106 and 107(6) of, and paragraph 7(5) of Schedule 3 and paragraph 13 of Schedule 11, and Schedule 15 to the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 and Article 4 of the Health and Medicines (Northern Ireland) Order 1988 and section 6(2) and (3) of the Health and Social Care Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 and is subject to the negative resolution procedure.

2. Purpose

- 2.1. The Statutory Rule will allow for the continued provision of General Dental and Ophthalmic Services consequential to the the closure of the Regional Board by the Health and Social Care Act (Northern Ireland) 2022.

3. Background

- 3.1. Following the closure of the Health and Social Care Board on 1 April 2022, General Dental and Ophthalmic services regulations require consequential amendment, the opportunity to correct minor historical typographical errors in those regulations has also been taken.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. Consultation was carried out on the Primary Act closing the Board and as consequential regulations are made within 6 months of the Primary no further consultation has been performed.

5. Equality Impact

- 5.1. No further assessment has been carried out as these consequential regulations are made within 6 months of the Primary legislation. Additionally the regulations make no policy changes.

6. Regulatory Impact

- 6.1. No further assessment has been carried out as these consequential regulations are made within 6 months of the Primary legislation. Additionally the regulations make no policy changes.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. No additional costs or savings are associated with these regulations.

8. Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998

- 8.1. Consideration has been given to the human rights implications of these regulations. They are considered compatible with section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

9. EU Implications

- 9.1. Not applicable.

10. Parity or Replicatory Measure

- 10.1. These regulations apply only to the Department of Health in Northern Ireland.

11. Additional Information

- 11.1. Not applicable.