EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends article 2 of the Continuing Care (Scotland) Order 2015 (S.S.I. 2015/158) with the effect that the higher age limit for "eligible persons" specified for the purposes of section 26A(2) (b) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 ("1995 Act") is eighteen years of age (increased from seventeen). This means that an "eligible person" for the purposes of the duty on local authorities to provide continuing care under section 26A of the 1995 Act is a person who is at least sixteen years of age and who has not yet reached the age of eighteen.