EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Health Boards (Membership and Procedure) Regulations 2001 ("the principal Regulations") which make provision as to the membership and procedure of Health Boards established under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978.

Regulation 2(2) to (5), and (7) and (8) remove references in the principal Regulations to National Health Service trusts, their trustees and Chief Officers following the dissolution of all such bodies.

Regulation 2(6) makes provision as to the procedure of Health Boards, their committees and sub-committees. It inserts a new regulation 9A into the principal Regulations which allows the chairperson or vice chairperson of a Health Board, committee or sub-committee to direct that a meeting may be conducted in any way in which each member is able to participate in the meeting although not present in a pre-determined place with the other members of the Board, committee or sub-committee.

Regulation 2(6) also makes provision regarding the effect of other provisions of the principal Regulations in relation to meetings conducted in that way.