

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order is made under section 1 of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 (c.51). It amends sections 14Z3 and 14Z9 of the National Health Service Act 2006 (c.41) (“the 2006 Act”).

This Order amends section 14Z3 so that, where two or more clinical commissioning groups are exercising their commissioning functions jointly, those functions may be exercised by a joint committee of the groups. Clinical commissioning groups were established under section 1I and Chapter A2 of Part 2 of the 2006 Act. They have the function of commissioning certain health services for the persons for whom they are responsible.

The amendment to section 14Z9 allows the National Health Service Commissioning Board and one or more clinical commissioning groups to exercise the functions of the group, or groups, under section 3 or 3A of the 2006 Act, and any related functions, jointly and to form a joint committee for that purpose. The National Health Service Commissioning Board was established under section 1H of the 2006 Act. The Board has the function of arranging for the provision of services for the purposes of the health service in England and also has functions in relation to clinical commissioning groups.

A full impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business and the voluntary sector is available on the Department of Health website ([www.dh.gov.uk](http://www.dh.gov.uk)) and is published with the Explanatory Memorandum alongside the instrument at [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk).