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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 5

#### TRANSITIONAL AND SAVING PROVISIONS

- 42 (1) In the foregoing provisions of this Schedule—
- (a) references to the period of treatment of a patient that was current on 1st November 1960 are to the period for which he would have been liable to be detained or subject to guardianship by virtue of any enactment repealed or excluded by the Mental Health Act 1959, or any enactment repealed or replaced by any such enactment as aforesaid, being a period which began but did not expire before that date; and
  - (b) “the responsible medical officer” means—
    - (i) in relation to a patient subject to guardianship, the medical officer authorised by the local social services authority to act (either generally or in any particular case or for any particular purpose) as the responsible medical officer;
    - (ii) in relation to any other class of patient, the registered medical practitioner in charge of the treatment of the patient.
- (2) Subsection (2) of section 34 of this Act shall apply for the purposes of the foregoing provisions of this Schedule as it applies for the purposes of Part II of this Act.
- (3) The sentence or other period of detention of a person who was liable to be detained or subject to guardianship immediately before 1st November 1960 by virtue of an order under section 9 of the <sup>M1</sup>Mental Deficiency Act 1913 shall be treated for the purposes of the foregoing provisions of this Schedule as expiring at the end of the period for which that person would have been liable to be detained in a prison or other institution if the order had not been made.
- (4) For the purposes of the foregoing provisions of this Schedule, an order sending a person to an institution or placing a person under guardianship made before 9th March 1956 on a petition presented under the Mental Deficiency Act 1913 shall be deemed to be valid if it was so deemed immediately before the commencement of this Act by virtue of section 148(2) of the <sup>M2</sup>Mental Health Act 1959.

#### Marginal Citations

**M1** 1913 c. 28.

**M2** 1959 c. 72.

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