

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

These Regulations prescribe the consultation to be completed before the Secretary of State may make an order dissolving an NHS trust under paragraph 25 of Schedule 7A to the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978. The Regulations also prescribe the consultation which must be carried out under paragraph 26 of Schedule 7A before the Secretary of State may make an order transferring any property, rights or liabilities of a trust which has been dissolved. Provision is made for consultation under paragraphs 25 and 26 to be combined with the consultation required under the National Health Service (Consultation before Establishment) (Scotland) Regulations 1991 before an NHS trust is established.