
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (Functions of Health Authorities and Administration Arrangements) Regulations 1996 by making provision for Health Authorities to exercise the Secretary of State's function of providing high security psychiatric services but only by making NHS contracts with Ashworth, Broadmoor or Rampton Hospital Authority or an NHS trust approved by the Secretary of State for the purpose of providing such services.