EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes amendments to certain enactments consequential upon provisions of the Health Act 1999 ("the Act") concerning Primary Care Trusts and high security psychiatric services.

Article 2 of the Order deals with extent and interpretation.

Article 3 and Part I of the Schedule make an amendment to the Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973, consequential upon the provisions of the Act relating to high security psychiatric services.

Article 3 and Part II of the Schedule make amendments to various regulations and orders, consequential upon the establishment, under the Act, of Primary Care Trusts.