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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order establishes the West Hampshire National Health Service Trust, an NHS trust provided for in section 5 of the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990.

The Order provides for the functions of the trust and provides for recognition of the trust as having a significant teaching commitment (article 3). It specifies the number of executive and non-executive directors, and provides for one of its non-executive directors to be appointed from the University of Southampton (article 4). It specifies the operational date (the date on which the trust assumes all its functions) and the accounting date of the trust (article 5).

This Order should be read in conjunction with the Southampton Community Health Services National Health Service Trust (Establishment) (Amendment Order 2001 and the Winchester and Eastleigh Healthcare National Health Service Trust (Establishment) Amendment Order 2001.