

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order establishes the Berkshire Healthcare National Health Service Trust as 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 (article 3) and the number of executive and non-executive directors (article 4). It specifies the operational date (the date on which the trust assumes all its functions), the accounting date of the trust (article 5) and the trust's limited functions before the operational date (article 6). It also specifies the trust's liabilities which will be discharged by the Berkshire Health Authority if incurred between the establishment date and the operational date (article 7).

This Order is to be read in conjunction with the East Berkshire National Health Service Trust for People with Learning Disabilities and the West Berkshire Priority Care National Health Service Trust Dissolution Order 2001.