EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Education (Variation of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2002 ("the Principal Regulations").

Regulation 2(3) amends regulation 3 of the Principal Regulations by inserting a new subparagraph (3) which provides that an admission authority may vary its admission arrangements after they have been determined for a particular school year where it is necessary to implement an admission forum protocol for sharing hard to place children.

Regulation 2(4) amends regulation 4 of the Variation of Admission Arrangements Regulations so that the requirements of section 89(5) and (6) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (Procedure for determining admission arrangements) only apply to a variation to admission arrangements made pursuant to regulation 3(2) and not to regulation 3(3).

The Department considers that these Regulations will have no effect on the costs of businesses and accordingly a Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared.