EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Care Quality Commission (Registration) Regulations 2009 ("the Registration Regulations") and the Care Quality Commission (Membership) Regulations 2008 ("the Membership Regulations").

Regulation 2 provides for the substitution of references to the National Patient Safety Agency in regulations 16 and 18 of the Registration Regulations with references to the NHS Commissioning Board Authority.

Regulation 3 amends the Membership Regulations to increase the maximum number of members of the Care Quality Commission to no more than twelve and to remove the bar on the Secretary of State appointing Care Quality Commission employees as members.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.