
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2019 No. 1514

**The Marriage (Same-sex Couples) and Civil Partnership
(Opposite-sex Couples) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2019**

PART 9

Amendments: Other Primary Legislation

Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986

- 140.**—(1) The Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986⁽¹⁾ is amended as follows.
- (2) In Article 32 (definition of “nearest relative”)—
- (a) in paragraph (1)(a), after “spouse” insert “or civil partner”;
 - (b) in paragraph (4)—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (b), after “spouse” insert “or civil partner”;
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (c), after “spouse” insert “, civil partner”;
 - (c) in each of paragraphs (5) and (6)(b)—
 - (i) after “married patient” insert “or a patient who has a civil partner”;
 - (ii) after “unless the spouse” insert “or civil partner”.
- (3) In Article 33 (children and young persons in care), for “husband or wife” substitute “spouse or civil partner”.

Commencement Information

II Reg. 140 in force at 13.1.2020, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

(1) 1986/595 (N.I. 4), as amended by paragraph 67 of Schedule 29 to the Civil Partnership Act 2004.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Marriage (Same-sex Couples) and Civil Partnership (Opposite-sex Couples) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2019, Section 140.