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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**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<sup>(1)</sup> 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”.

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