EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the St. Helens and Knowsley Hospital Services National Health Service Trust (Establishment) Order 1990, which established the St. Helens and Knowsley Hospital Services National Health Service Trust.

Article 2 changes the name of the trust to the Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.

Article 3 sets out the functions of the trust as being to provide goods and services for the purposes of the health service.

Article 4 increases the number of non-executive directors, in addition to the chairman, from 5 to 6 and requires that one of these non-executive directors is appointed from the University of Liverpool.

Article 5 omits the specification of the trust's "operational date" as it is of no on-going relevance.

Article 6 revokes articles 6 and 7 of the Establishment Order as they relate to the period before the operational date and are of no on-going relevance.

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