

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1993 No. 1250

The Access to Health Records (Northern Ireland) Order 1993

Introductory

Title and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Access to Health Records (Northern Ireland) Order 1993.
- (2) This Order shall come into operation on such day as the Head of the Department may by order appoint^{F1}.

F1 fully exercised SR 1994/151

Interpretation

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954^{F2} shall apply to Article 1 and the following provisions of this Order as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(2) In this Order—

“application” means an application in writing and “apply” shall be construed accordingly;

“care” includes examination, investigation, diagnosis and treatment;

Definition rep. with saving by 1998 c. 29

“the Department” means the Department of Health and Social Services;

[^{F3}“general medical services contract” means a contract under Article 57 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972;]

Definition rep. by 2004 NI 2

^{F4} ...

“health service body” means—

(a) ^{F5} ...

(b) a special health and [^{F6}social care] agency established under the Health and Personal Social Services (Special Agencies) (Northern Ireland) Order 1990^{F7}; or

(c) a [^{F8}Health and Social Care trust] established under Article 10 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1991^{F9};

“information”, in relation to a health record, includes any expression of opinion about the patient;

“make”, in relation to such a record, includes compile;

Definition rep. with saving by 1998 c. 29

F2 1954 c. 33 (NI)

F3 2004 NI 2

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- F4** Words in art. 2(2) omitted (1.4.2022) by virtue of Health and Social Care Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (c. 3), s. 8(1)(b), **Sch. 1 para. 153(2)(a)**; S.R. 2022/102, art. 2(b)
- F5** Words in art. 2(2) omitted (1.4.2022) by virtue of Health and Social Care Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (c. 3), s. 8(1)(b), **Sch. 1 para. 153(2)(b)**; S.R. 2022/102, art. 2(b)
- F6** Words in Order substituted (1.4.2009) by Health and Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009 (c. 1), ss. 32, 34(3), **Sch. 6 para. 1(1)(a)** (with Sch. 6 para. 1(2)(3)); S.R. 2009/114, **art. 2**
- F7** 1990 NI 3
- F8** Words in Order substituted (1.4.2009) by Health and Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009 (c. 1), ss. 32, 34(3), **Sch. 6 para. 1(1)(c)** (with Sch. 6 para. 1(3)); S.R. 2009/114, **art. 2**
- F9** 1991 NI 1

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- Instrument am. (prosp.) by [1998 c. 29 s.74\(1\)Sch.15 para.17](#)
- defns. of child and parental responsibility rev. in Pt- by [1998 c. 29 s.74\(2\)Sch.16 Pt.II](#)