

**HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES
(QUALITY, IMPROVEMENT AND REGULATION)
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2003**

S.I. 2003 No. 431 (N.I. 9)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

CONSULTATION ON THE ORDER IN COUNCIL

Adult Placements with Families

“Adult Placements” are cases involving the placement of up to three adults, aged 18 or more and who are usually learning disabled, to live with a family in a domestic residence. A number of respondents were concerned about categorizing “adult placements” as residential care homes on the grounds that the same standards should not be applied to family settings as are applied to residential care homes. The Order was amended so that the Department may in the future prescribe further establishments and agencies. This provision can be used to regulate adult placements as entities separate from residential care homes.