

1995 No. 397

HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES**The Northern Ireland Guardian Ad Litem Agency
(Establishment and Constitution) Order
(Northern Ireland) 1995**

Made 18th October 1995

Coming into operation 1st December 1995

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 3(1), (2), (4) and (6) of the Health and Personal Social Services (Special Agencies) (Northern Ireland) Order 1990(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and after consultation, in accordance with Article 3(5) of that Order, with such bodies as it recognises as representing officers who in its opinion are likely to be transferred or affected by transfers in pursuance of this order, hereby makes the following order:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Northern Ireland Guardian Ad Litem Agency (Establishment and Constitution) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 and shall come into operation on 1st December 1995.

(2) In this order—

“The Agency” means the Northern Ireland Guardian Ad Litem Agency;

“member” includes chairman.

Establishment of the Northern Ireland Guardian Ad Litem Agency

2. There is hereby established a special health and social services agency which shall be known as the Northern Ireland Guardian Ad Litem Agency.

Constitution of the Agency

3. The Agency shall consist of such number of members as the Department may from time to time determine, all of whom shall be appointed by the Department and of whom one shall be appointed chairman.

Tenure of office

4. Subject to Article 5, the tenure of office of a member shall be four years or such other period as may be determined by the Department at the time the appointment is made.

(a) S.I. 1990/247 (N.I. 3)

Termination of tenure of office

5.—(1) A member may resign his office at any time during the period for which he was appointed by giving notice in writing to the Department.

(2) Where the Department is satisfied that it is not in the interests of the Agency or the health and personal social services that a person whom it has appointed as a member under Article 3 should continue to hold that office, it may forthwith terminate that member's tenure of office.

(3) Where the place of a member becomes vacant before the expiration of his tenure of office whether by death, resignation or otherwise, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Department and any person so appointed shall hold office for the remainder of the tenure of office of the former member.

Proceedings of the Agency

6. The proceedings of the Agency shall not be invalidated by any vacancy in the membership of the Agency or by any defect in the appointment of any of its members.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 18th October 1995.

(L.S.)

P. A. Conliffe

Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This order provides for the establishment and constitution of a special health and social services agency, to be known as the Northern Ireland Guardian Ad Litem Agency, for the purpose of carrying out such functions as the Department of Health and Social Services may direct in accordance with Article 4(1) of the Health and Personal Social Services (Special Agencies) (Northern Ireland) Order 1990.