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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2004 No. 120**

**The Personal Social Services and Children's Services  
(Direct Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004**

**Displaced functions and obligations of the authority**

9.—(1) Except as provided by paragraph (2), the fact that an authority makes a direct payment shall not affect its functions with respect to the provision under the relevant statutory provision of the service to which the payment relates.

(2) Where an authority makes a direct payment, it shall not be under any obligation with respect to the provision under the relevant statutory provision of the service to which the payment relates as long as it is satisfied that the need which calls for the provision of the service will be secured by the payee's own arrangements.

(3) In paragraphs (1) and (2), references to the relevant statutory provision, in relation to the provision of a service, are to the statutory provision under which the service would fall to be provided apart from these Regulations.