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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2007 No. 162**

**HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES**

The Health and Personal Social Services (Quality,  
Improvement and Regulation) (2003 Order)  
(Specified Agency) Order (Northern Ireland) 2007

*Made - - - - 12th March 2007*

*Laid before Parliament under paragraph 7 (3) of the  
Schedule to the Northern Ireland Act 2000.*

*Coming into operation 30th April 2007*

The Department of Health Social Services and Public Safety, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 8 (3) of the Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003(1) makes the following Order:

**Citation, commencement and Interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (2003 Order) (Specified Agency) Order (Northern Ireland) 2007 and shall come into operation on 30th April 2007.

(2) In this Order:

“adult placement agency” means a voluntary organisation or undertaking carried on by an HSS trust or Board or other person, the activities of which consist of or include:

- (a) arranging for placing of persons in need with an adult placement carer for the provision of care and support (which may include accommodation);
- (b) recruiting and training adult placement carers;
- (c) supporting and monitoring placements

but does not include arrangements made by a person solely for the provision of care and support for his or her relative;

“adult placement carer” means a person who enters into an agreement with an adult placement agency to provide care or support for persons in need, which may include accommodation in the carer’s home;

“the principal Order” means the Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003;

“Board” means a Health and Social Services Board.

**Specified agency**

2. An Adult Placement Agency is hereby specified for the purposes of Article 8 (2) (f) of the principal Order.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety on 12th March 2007.

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Department of Health Social Services and Public  
Safety

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

This Order specifies an Adult Placement Agency for purposes of Article 8 (2) of the Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 to enable regulation of all such agencies in Northern Ireland by the Regulation and Improvement Authority.