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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2016 No. 57**

**MENTAL HEALTH**

**The Mental Health Review Tribunal  
(Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2016**

*Made* - - - - *18th February 2016*

*Coming into operation* *10th March 2016*

The Department of Justice makes the following Rules in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 83(1) and 83(4) of the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986<sup>(1)</sup> and now vested in the Department of Justice<sup>(2)</sup> after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice.

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Rules may be cited as the Mental Health Review Tribunal (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2016 and shall come into operation on 10th March 2016.

**Amendments to the Mental Health Review Tribunal (Northern Ireland) Rules 1986**

2. Rule 26(2) of the Mental Health Review Tribunal (Northern Ireland) Rules 1986<sup>(3)</sup> shall be amended as follows—

(1) after “circumstances of the case” insert “where in the interests of justice”;

(2) omit “,with the exception of the periods of notice specified in rule 16(4), rule 20 and rule 25(2),”.

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(1) [S.I. 1986/595 \(N.I. 4\)](#), as amended by section 15(2), section 148(1) and paragraph 74(2) of Schedule 5 to the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c.5) and [S.I. 2010/976](#).  
(2) [S.I. 2010/976](#), section 15 and paragraph 39 of Schedule 17.  
(3) [S.R. 1986 No. 193](#).

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Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Justice on 18th February 2016



*David Ford*  
Minister of Justice

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

These Rules amend the Mental Health Review Tribunal (Northern Ireland) Rules 1986 ([S.R. 1986 No. 193](#)) so as to allow the Tribunal to extend or abridge the time appointed by the Rules for doing any act where in the interests of justice to do so.