

**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(a) and now vested in the Department of Justice(b) 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(c) 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),”.

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



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Minister of Justice

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(a) 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.  
(b) S.I. 2010/976, section 15 and paragraph 39 of Schedule 17.  
(c) S.R. 1986 No. 193.

## 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.

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