EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into force in relation to England and Wales further provisions of the Health Act 1999 ("the 1999 Act").

Provisions which are brought into force on 1st October 1999 in relation to England relate to the abolition of GP fund-holding practices, NHS trust establishment orders and the exercise of powers by NHS trusts. The provisions which are brought into force on that date in relation to England and Wales relate to the provision of information by Registrar General to the Secretary of State, the disclosure of information by the Health Service Commissioners and the rectification of transitional provisions made under the Health Authorities Act 1995.

Paragraph 16 of Schedule 4 to the Health Act, which relates to Primary Care Trusts, is brought into force in relation to England on 4th January 2000.