

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (Choice of Medical Practitioner) Regulations 1998, which relate to the right of persons to choose the doctor from whom they wish to receive primary medical services.

Regulation 2 amends the provisions for the Health Authority assigning a patient to a doctor so that account may be taken by the Health Authority of patients who have acted violently to their doctor in the past, so that a doctor with the most appropriate facilities may be chosen.

Regulation 4 makes similar provision for assignment by a pilot scheme provider who is required to assign such a patient.