SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 7

Supervision and assessment orders

Part 6

Supplementary

Power to vary period for which supervision element may be made

14.—(1) The Department of Justice may make regulations substituting, for the period of 3 years mentioned in paragraph 3(1), such other period (exceeding 6 months) as may be specified in the regulations.

(2) Regulations under sub-paragraph (1) may make in paragraph 8(2) any amendment which the Department thinks necessary in consequence of the substitution made by the regulations.

Transitional provision relating to the abolition of petty sessions districts

15.—(1) Until the day on which section 1 of the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2015 comes into operation, this Schedule is to be read with the following modifications.

(2) If the supervising officer is a probation officer—

(a) the supervision and assessment order must specify the petty sessions district in which the supervised person resides or will reside, and

(b) the supervising officer must be a probation officer appointed for or assigned to that district.

(3) If the supervising officer is a social worker—

(a) paragraph 6(2)(b) does not apply, but

(b) the court must, as soon as practicable after making the order, give to the probation officer assigned to the court at least 1 copy of the order.

(4) After making an order, the court must send to the clerk of petty sessions for the petty sessions district in which the supervised person resides or will reside—

(a) a copy of the order; and

(b) such documents and information relating to the case as it considers likely to be of assistance to a court acting for that district in the exercise of its functions in relation to the order.

(5) The functions conferred by paragraphs 8 to 10 are to be exercised by a court for the petty sessions district in which the supervised person resides or will reside.

(6) In paragraph 9—

(a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a), the reference to supervision by a social worker includes supervision by a probation officer appointed for or assigned to a petty sessions district;

(b) the references to an HSC trust or to the area of such a trust include a petty sessions district.

(7) If the court amends a supervision and assessment order so as to substitute one petty session district for another, the court which amends the order must send to the clerk of petty sessions for the new petty sessions district—

(a) at least 2 copies of the amending order; and

(b) such documents and information relating to the case as it considers likely to be of assistance to a court acting for that district in the exercise of its functions in relation to the order.

(8) The clerk of petty sessions for the new petty sessions district, when given copies under sub-paragraph (7), must give a copy of the amending order to the supervising officer.