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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2021 No. 8**

**MENTAL HEALTH**

The Mental Health (1986 Order)  
(Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021

*Made - - - - 15th January 2021*

*Coming into operation 18th January 2021*

The Department of Health<sup>(1)</sup>, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 64(2) of the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986<sup>(2)</sup>, makes the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

1. This order may be cited as the Mental Health (1986 Order) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021 and shall come into operation on the 18th January 2021.

**Amendment of Article 64(1)(b) of the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986**

2. In Article 64(1)(b)(3), for “three months” substitute “six months”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health on 15th January 2021

(L.S.)

*Mark Lee*  
A senior officer of the Department of Health

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(1) 2016 c. 5 (N.I.), s1(5)

(2) S.I. 1986/595 (NI 4)

(3) Article 64(1)(b) was amended by S.R. 2020 No. 46

**Status:** *This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.*

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

This Order varies the length of the period which must elapse for a second opinion to be required for the continued administration of medicine to detained patients from three months to six months.