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1.—(1) The following bodies are dissolved—

- (a) Health and Social Services Boards;
- (b) the Mental Health Commission;
- (c) the Central Services Agency; and
- (d) Health and Social Services Councils.

(2) The Northern Ireland Health and Personal Social Services Regulation and Improvement Authority established under Article 3 of the [Health and Personal Social Services \(Quality, Improvement and Regulation\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2003 \(NI 9\)](#)—

- (a) is renamed the Health and Social Care Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority; and
- (b) is referred to in this Act as “RQIA”.

(3) Health and Social Services trusts established under Article 10 of the [Health and Personal Social Services \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1991 \(NI 1\)](#)—

- (a) are renamed Health and Social Care trusts; and
- (b) are referred to in this Act as “HSC trusts”.

(4) Special health and social services agencies established under Article 3 of the [Health and Personal Social Services \(Special Agencies\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1990 \(NI 3\)](#)—

- (a) are renamed special health and social care agencies; and
- (b) are referred to in this Act as “special agencies”.

- (5) In this Act “the health and social care bodies” means—
- (a) the Regional Health and Social Care Board, established under section 7 and referred to in this Act as “the Regional Board”;
 - (b) the Regional Agency for Public Health and Social Well-being, established under section 12 and referred to in this Act as “the Regional Agency”;
 - (c) the Regional Business Services Organisation, established under section 14 and referred to in this Act as “RBSO”;
 - (d) HSC trusts;
 - (e) special agencies;
 - (f) the Patient and Client Council, established under section 16;
 - (g) RQIA.