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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 2

Authorisation of short-term detention in hospital for examination etc

#### Part 4

Supplementary provisions

*Detention covered by authorisation*

- 18.**—(1) This paragraph applies where a report is made under paragraph 2.
- (2) The authorisation granted by the making of the report authorises—
- (a) the detention (at any time when the authorisation is in force) of P in the hospital specified in the report for the purposes of examination, or of any treatment or care following examination;
  - (b) any related detention which may occur while the authorisation is in force.
- (3) In sub-paragraph (2) “related detention” means—
- (a) any detention of P while P is being taken to the hospital specified in the report;
  - (b) any detention of P while P is absent from the hospital, if the detention—
    - (i) is in pursuance of a condition imposed in accordance with section 27 (permission for absence from hospital); and
    - (ii) is for no longer than 7 days.
- (4) In sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) “detention” means detention in circumstances amounting to a deprivation of liberty.
- (5) Nothing in the authorisation or this paragraph affects the operation of this Part of this Act in relation to any detention of P in circumstances not amounting to a deprivation of liberty.

#### Commencement Information

- II** [Sch. 2 para. 18](#) in operation at 2.12.2019 for specified purposes by [S.R. 2019/163, art. 2\(4\)](#), [Sch. Pt. 4](#) (with [art. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.R. 2019/190, art. 2](#))

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 285(2)(a)-(c) substituted for s. 285(2)(a)(b) by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 77\(b\)](#)