EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order is made only for purposes corresponding to those of provisions of the Health and Medicines Act 1988 mentioned in section 27(2) of that Act. The Order amends or supplements existing provision in the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 with respect to health services.

The Order enables the Department to generate income by making commercial use of available resources, and makes provision in relation to the retirement of practitioners, dental services for school children and charges for dental and ophthalmic services. The Order also prohibits the sale, supply, provision and advertising of HIV testing kits and services.