
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order suspends provisions in Part 2 (modifications of the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986) of Schedule 10 to the Coronavirus Act 2020 (“the 2020 Act”).

Article 2 provides for the suspension of the operation of Part 2 of Schedule 10 to the 2020 Act and other specified provisions so far as relating to Part 2 of Schedule 10.

The relevant provisions of the 2020 Act were commenced by the Coronavirus Act 2020 (Commencement No.1) Order (Northern Ireland) 2020 on 2nd April 2020. They were suspended on 10th August 2020 pursuant to the Coronavirus Act 2020 (Suspension) Order (Northern Ireland) 2020 (“the Suspension Order”). The Suspension Order made transitional provision, continuing the effect of certain modifications made by those provisions which were suspended. The relevant provisions of the 2020 Act were revived by the Coronavirus Act 2020 (Revival) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021 on 18th January 2021.

The suspension of the provisions in Part 2 of Schedule 10 to the 2020 Act means that they no longer have effect but are capable of being brought back into effect by an order to revive the operation of a provision under section 88(3) of the 2020 Act.

Article 3 provides for the transitional provisions in the Schedule, making transitional provisions in connection with the suspension in Article 2.