

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations are made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 8 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 in order to address failures of retained EU law to operate effectively and other deficiencies arising from the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union.

These Regulations amend the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972, the Health and Personal Social Services General Dental Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993, the Health and Personal Social Services (General Medical Services Contracts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004, the Health Care (Reimbursement of the Cost of EEA Services etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012, the Health Services (Cross-Border Health Care) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013, the General Dental Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013, the Health and Personal Social Services (General Medical Services Contracts) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013, the Provision of Health Services to People Not Ordinarily Resident Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, the Health Services (Cross-Border Health Care) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, and the Health and Personal Social Services (General Medical Services Contracts) (Prescription of Drugs Etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004, to amend access to Cross-Border Health Care to visiting patients as a result of the UK's exit/withdrawal from the European Union.

An impact assessment has been prepared for this instrument however it has no impact on businesses, charities or the voluntary sector.