

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order is the first commencement order under the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003. It provides that certain provisions of Part 1 of the Act relating to NHS foundation trusts and the establishment of an Independent Regulator to regulate them shall come into force on 1st January 2004. It also provides that certain provisions in Part 2 of the Act relating to the establishment of the Commission for Healthcare Audit and Inspection and the Commission for Social Care Inspection, shall come into force on 8th January 2004 and 1st January 2004 respectively. Finally, it provides that the interpretation section for Part 2 of the Act shall come into force on 1st January 2004.