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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations, which apply in relation to England only, further amend the National Health Service (Functions of Strategic Health Authorities and Primary Care Trusts and Administration Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2002 (“the principal Regulations”).

Regulation 3 amends regulation 3 of the principal Regulations which, amongst other things, determines for whose benefit a Primary Care Trust shall exercise the functions of providing or securing services to patients delegated to it under the principal Regulations. The amendments made by these Regulations provide for the circumstances in which a Primary Care Trust must continue to provide or secure certain services for the benefit of a person aged 18 or over who is provided with accommodation in a care home or independent hospital in the area of another Primary Care Trust to meet his continuing care needs.

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on the costs of business.