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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2008 No. 2561**

**The Mental Health Act 2007 (Commencement  
No. 8 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2008**

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Mental Health Act 2007 (Commencement No. 8 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2008 and shall come into force on 3rd November 2008.

(2) In this Order—

“the 2007 Act” means the Mental Health Act 2007;

“the 1983 Act” means the Mental Health Act 1983<sup>(1)</sup>.

**Commencement of provisions**

2. The following provisions of the 2007 Act shall come into force on 3rd November 2008—

(a) section 18, insofar as not already in force;

(b) section 21, insofar as it gives effect to Schedule 2 in relation to Wales and is not already in force;

(c) section 30, insofar as it applies to Wales and is not already in force.

**Schedule**

3. The Schedule to this Order, which makes transitional and saving provisions, shall have effect.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health.

30th September 2008

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