STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2013 No. 1508

The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2013

Amendment of the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2013

- **5.**—(1) The Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2013(1) are amended as follows.
- (2) In regulation 21 (hospital patients)—
 - (a) in paragraph (1), after "similar institution, or" insert "on any day"; and
 - (b) in paragraph (3), for "overnight or for a longer period" substitute "for a period of 24 hours or longer".
- (3) In regulation 49(5) (victims of domestic violence), for the definition of "domestic violence" substitute—

""coercive behaviour" means an act of assault, humiliation or intimidation or other abuse that is used to harm, punish or frighten the victim;

"controlling behaviour" means an act designed to make a person subordinate or dependent by isolating them from sources of support, exploiting their resources and capacities for personal gain, depriving them of the means needed for independence, resistance or escape or regulating their everyday behaviour;

"domestic violence" means any incident, or pattern of incidents, of controlling behaviour, coercive behaviour, violence or abuse, including but not limited to—

- (a) psychological abuse;
- (b) physical abuse;
- (c) sexual abuse;
- (d) emotional abuse;
- (e) financial abuse,

regardless of the gender of sexuality of the victim;.".

(4) In regulation 94(7) (meaning of "person in hardship") in the definition of "attendance allowance", omit paragraphs (c) and (d).