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**The European Qualifications (Health and  
Social Care Professions) Regulations 2016**

**PART 7**

**SOCIAL WORKERS**

**CHAPTER 2**

**AMENDMENT OF THE HEALTH AND PERSONAL  
SOCIAL SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2001**

**Introductory**

**111.** The Health and Personal Social Services Act (Northern Ireland) 2001(1) is amended in accordance with this Chapter.

**Amendment of section 2**

**112.**—(1) Section 2 (“social care worker”, etc.)(2) is amended as follows.

(2) For subsection (5), substitute—

“(5) “The General Systems Regulations” means the European Union (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/2059).”.

**Amendment of section 5A**

**113.**—(1) Section 5A (visiting social workers from relevant European States)(3) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (2), for “8” substitute “12”.

(3) In subsection (5)—

(a) for “17” substitute “24”;

(b) for “8” substitute “12”.

**Amendment of section 15**

**114.**—(1) Section 15 (appeals to the Care Tribunal)(4) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (2)(b), after “decision” insert “or, in the case of an appeal from a decision falling within subsection (3)(c), direct that the alert be withdrawn or amended”.

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(1) [c. 3 \(N.I.\)](#).

(2) Section 2 was amended by [S.I. 2007/3101](#). There are other amendments but these are not relevant to these Regulations.

(3) Section 5A was inserted by [S.I. 2007/3101](#). There are other amendments but these are not relevant to these Regulations.

(4) Section 15 was substituted by section 5 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 ([c.23 \(N.I.\)](#)).

(3) In subsection (3)—

(a) in paragraph (a), omit the “and” at the end;

(b) in paragraph (b), at the end, insert “, and”;

(c) after paragraph (b), insert—

“(c) a decision under regulation 67 of the General Systems Regulations to send an alert about a person.”.