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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2019 No. 1514**

**The Marriage (Same-sex Couples) and Civil Partnership  
(Opposite-sex Couples) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2019**

**PART 9**

**Amendments: Other Primary Legislation**

**Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986**

**140.**—(1) The Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986<sup>(1)</sup> is amended as follows.

(2) In Article 32 (definition of “nearest relative”)—

(a) in paragraph (1)(a), after “spouse” insert “or civil partner”;

(b) in paragraph (4)—

(i) in sub-paragraph (b), after “spouse” insert “or civil partner”;

(ii) in sub-paragraph (c), after “spouse” insert “, civil partner”;

(c) in each of paragraphs (5) and (6)(b)—

(i) after “married patient” insert “or a patient who has a civil partner”;

(ii) after “unless the spouse” insert “or civil partner”.

(3) In Article 33 (children and young persons in care), for “husband or wife” substitute “spouse or civil partner”.

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**Commencement Information**

**II** Reg. 140 in force at 13.1.2020, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

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<sup>(1)</sup> 1986/595 (N.I. 4), as amended by paragraph 67 of Schedule 29 to the Civil Partnership Act 2004.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Marriage (Same-sex Couples) and Civil Partnership (Opposite-sex Couples) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2019, Section 140.