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SCHEDULE

AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE 2 TO THE 2018 REGULATIONS

2.—(1) Paragraph 5 is amended as follows.

- (2) In sub-paragraph (1), before "the investigators" insert "the regulator or".
- (3) In sub-paragraph (3), before "the investigators" in both places, insert "the regulator or".
- (4) For sub-paragraph (4) substitute—

"(4) The regulator or the investigators may take such steps as are reasonably practicable to obtain any further information relevant to carrying out their functions under this Schedule.

- (5) At any stage in fitness to practise proceedings, the regulator may—
 - (a) consider whether an interim order may be necessary for the protection of the public or in the best interests of the social worker, and
 - (b) propose that an interim order be made in accordance with paragraph 8.

(6) Where the regulator has been notified in accordance with paragraph 8(1), it must consider whether an interim order may be necessary for the protection of the public or in the best interests of the social worker.

(7) Where the regulator considers an interim order may be necessary for the protection of the public or in the best interests of the social worker, it must appoint two or more adjudicators to consider whether to make an interim order in accordance with paragraph 8.

(8) The investigators must refer the case to the case examiners at the conclusion of the investigation.".