
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Section 94 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 includes provision for the Secretary of State to require the applicant for, or holder of, a driving licence to submit to examination by a registered medical practitioner or authorise a registered medical practitioner who has treated the person to provide information to the Secretary of State for the purpose of determining whether or not the person suffers, or has at any time suffered, from a relevant or prospective disability.

This Order amends that section so that authorisation for provision of information may be given in respect of any registered healthcare professional (as defined in new subsection (10)). Section 94 is also amended to provide that, if an authorisation is provided to the Secretary of State, any registered healthcare professional may provide information which that healthcare professional has with respect to a relevant or prospective disability.

The Order is made under the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 (c. 51) and removes a burden on the applicant for, or holder of, a driving licence and registered medical practitioners by permitting a wider range of healthcare professionals to perform the same function.

A full impact assessment has not been prepared for this Order as no, or no significant impact on the business, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.