#### STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

# 2020 No. 46

## MENTAL HEALTH

The Mental Health (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2020

Made - - - - 25th March 2020
Coming into operation 30th March 2020

The Department of Health(1), in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 64(2) of the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986(2), makes the following Order:

#### Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2020 and shall come into operation on 30th March 2020.

### Amendment of Article 64(1)(b) of the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986

2. In Article 64(1)(b), for "three months" substitute "six months".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health on 25th March 2020.

(L.S.)

Mark Lee A senior officer of the Department of Health.

<sup>(1) 2016</sup> c. 5 (NI), s1(5)

<sup>(2)</sup> S.I. 1986/595 (NI 4)

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order varies the length of the period which must elapse for a second opinion to be required for the continued administration of medicine to detained patients from three months to six months.