

S.I. 1983 No. 891

MENTAL HEALTH

The Mental Health (Nurses) Order 1983

Made - - - - - 17th June 1983
Laid before Parliament 1st July 1983
Coming into Operation 30th September 1983

The Secretary of State for Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 5(4) of the Mental Health Act 1983 and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Mental Health (Nurses) Order 1983 and shall come into operation on 30th September 1983.

Prescribed class of nurse for the purposes of section 5(4) of the Mental Health Act 1983

2. For the purposes of section 5(4) of the Mental Health Act 1983 (power to detain patient in hospital for maximum of 6 hours) a nurse of the prescribed class shall be a nurse registered in Part 3 (first level nurses trained in the nursing of persons suffering from mental illness) or Part 5 (first level nurses trained in the nursing of persons suffering from mental handicap) [or Part 13 (nurses qualified following a course of preparation in mental health nursing) or Part 14 (nurses qualified following a course of preparation in mental handicap nursing)]¹ of the register prepared and maintained under section 10 of the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1979 (the professional register).

Norman Fowler,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

17th June 1983.

¹ Words in square brackets inserted by the Mental Health (Nurses) Amendment Order 1993, S.I. 1993, No. 2155