EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations bring into force specified provisions of the Health and Care Act 2022 (c. 31) ("the Act") on 1st April 2023. They are the fourth set of commencement regulations to be made under the Act.

Regulation 2 brings into force on 1st April 2023 section 13 (exercise of functions relating to provision of services), section 31 (Care Quality Commission reviews etc of integrated care system), section 51 (licensing of NHS trusts), section 77 (the NHS payment scheme) and Schedule 10 in so far as they are not in force, section 163 (regulation of local authority functions relating to adult social care), section 164 (default powers of Secretary of State in relation to adult social care) and section 165 (Care Quality Commission's powers in relation to local authority failings) of the Act.

A full impact assessment has been prepared in relation to the Act, and a copy is available at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-and-care-bill-combined-impact-assessments. A hard copy can be obtained by writing to the Department of Health and Social Care, 39 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0EU.