STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2014 No. 2854

SOCIAL CARE, ENGLAND

The Care and Support (Sight-impaired and Severely Sight-impaired Adults) Regulations 2014

Made - - - - *22nd October 2014*

Laid before Parliament *30th October 2014*

Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1(1)

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the power conferred by section 77(2) of the Care Act 2014(**a**).

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Care and Support (Sight-impaired and Severely Sight-impaired Adults) Regulations 2014 and come into force immediately after section 77(1) of the Care Act 2014 comes fully into force.

(2) In these Regulations "consultant ophthalmologist" means a consultant or honorary consultant appointed in the medical speciality of ophthalmology, who is employed for the purposes of providing any service as part of the health service(**b**).

Persons to be treated as sight-impaired or severely sight-impaired

2.—(1) For the purposes of section 77 of the Care Act 2014, a person is to be treated as being sight-impaired if the person is certified as such by a consultant ophthalmologist.

(2) For the purposes of that section, a person is to be treated as being severely sight-impaired if the person is certified as such by a consultant ophthalmologist.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health.

Norman Lamb
Minister of State
Department of Health

22nd October 2014

(**a**) 2014 c. 23. The power to make regulations is exercisable by the Secretary of State - *see* section 125(1).
(**b**) This is defined in section 126 of the Care Act 2014.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Section 77(1) of the Care Act 2014 sets out the requirement on local authorities to establish and maintain a register of adults who are ordinarily resident in their area and are sight-impaired or severely sight-impaired. These Regulations specify the persons who are to be treated as being sight-impaired and severely sight-impaired for the purposes of that section.

A separate impact assessment has not been prepared for these Regulations. These Regulations are part of a package of legislative measures and the relevant impact assessment can be requested via careactconsultation@dh.gsi.gov.uk or Department of Health, Richmond House, 79 Whitehall, London SW1A 2NS and is available online at https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health.

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