EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2015

S.R. 2015 No. 205

1. Introduction

1.1. This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to accompany the Statutory Rule (details above) which is laid before the Northern Ireland Assembly.

1.2. The Statutory Rule is made under Articles 61, 62, 63 and 106 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 and Article 10 of the Health and Medicines (Northern Ireland) Order 1988 and is subject to the negative resolution procedure.

2. Purpose

2.1. The Health and Social Care (Disciplinary Procedures) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 amend presentational errors in the Health and Social Care (Disciplinary Procedures) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014.

3. Background

3.1. The Health and Social Care (Disciplinary Procedures) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 provide for the investigation and determination by the Regional Health and Social Care Board of questions whether chemists, dentists, ophthalmic medical practioners or opticians have failed to comply with their terms of service. They replaced previous Regulations (the Health and Personal Social Services (Disciplinary Procedures) Regulations (NI) 1996).

4. Consultation

4.1. A short targeted consultation has been conducted on these amendments and no comments were received.

5. Equality Impact

5.1. Consideration has been given to the equality and human rights implications of the Regulations. They are considered to be compliant with section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

6. Regulatory Impact

6.1. These Regulations are considered to have no impact on small businesses, charities or voluntary bodies.

7. Financial Implications

7.1. There are no financial implications associated with these Regulations.

8. Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998

8.1. Considered compliant with section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

9. EU Implications

9.1. Not applicable.

10. Parity or Replicatory Measure

10.1. Not applicable.

11. Additional Information

11.1. Not applicable.