STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1983 No. 891

MENTAL HEALTH

The Mental Health (Nurses) Order 1983

Made - - - -	*17th June* 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 (**a**) 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) of the register prepared and maintained under section 10 of the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1979 (**b**) (the professional register).

Norman Fowler,
Secretary of State for Social Services.

17th June 1983.

(**a**) 1983 c.20.
(**b**) 1979 c.36; for the parts of the register *see* S.I. 1983/667.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

This Order prescribes the class of nurse who is empowered under section 5(4) of the Mental Health Act 1983 to detain, for up to 6 hours, a patient who is receiving treatment for mental disorder as an in-patient in that hospital. The relevant nurse is to be a first level nurse trained either in the nursing of persons suffering from mental illness or in the nursing of persons suffering from mental handicap.

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