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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 2597 (N.I. 17)**

**The Health and Personal Social Services  
(Private Finance) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997**

- - - - - 30th October 1997

**Title and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Health and Personal Social Services (Private Finance) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 and shall come into operation on the expiration of 14 days from the day on which it is made.

**Interpretation**

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 shall apply to Article 1 and the following provisions of this Order as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(2) In this Order “the Department” means the Department of Health and Social Services.

**Powers of [<sup>F1</sup>Health and Social Care trusts] to enter into agreements**

3.—(1) The powers of a [<sup>F2</sup>Health and Social Care trust] include power to enter into externally financed development agreements.

(2) For the purposes of this Article, an agreement is an externally financed development agreement if it is certified as such in writing by the Department.

(3) The Department may give a certificate under this Article if—

- (a) in its opinion the purpose or main purpose of the agreement is the provision of facilities in connection with the discharge by the trust of any of its functions; and
- (b) a person proposes to make a loan to, or provide any other form of finance for, another party in connection with the agreement.

(4) If a [<sup>F2</sup>Health and Social Care trust] enters into an externally financed development agreement it may also, in connection with that agreement, enter into an agreement with a person who falls within paragraph (3)(b) in relation to the externally financed development agreement.

(5) In paragraph (3)—

“another party” means any party to the agreement other than the trust; and

“facilities” includes—

- (a) works, buildings, plant, equipment or other property; and
- (b) services.