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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 3019**

**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE,  
ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Health Authorities Act 1995 (Transitional  
Provisions) (Wales) Amendment Order 1996**

*Made* - - - - *5th December 1996*  
*Laid before Parliament* *10th December 1996*  
*Coming into force* - - *31st December 1996*

The Secretary of State for Wales, in exercise of powers conferred by section 126(3), (4) and (5) of the National Health Service Act 1977(1) and paragraphs 19(2)(b) and 20 of Schedule 2 to the Health Authorities Act 1995(2), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Health Authorities Act 1995 (Transitional Provisions) (Wales) Amendment Order 1996 and shall come into force on 31st December 1996.

(2) In this Order—

“the 1985 Order” means the Joint Consultative Committees Order 1985(3);

“the 1996 Order” means the Health Authorities Act 1995 (Transitional Provisions) Order 1996(4).

**Amendment of 1996 Order**

2.—(1) The 1996 Order is amended in accordance with the following paragraph of this Order, in relation to joint consultative committees in Wales.

(2) In article 12 (Joint Consultative Committees)—

(a) for the date “1st January 1997” there shall be substituted the date “1st April 1997”; and

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(1) 1977 c. 49; section 126(3) and (4) was amended and section 126(5) was inserted by the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 (c. 19), section 65(2). See also section 6(6) of the Health Authorities Act 1995 (c. 17).  
(2) 1995 c. 17.  
(3) S.I.1985/305; the 1985 Order is revoked with effect from 1st January 1997 in relation to England and from 1st April 1997 in relation to Wales by virtue of the Joint Consultative Committees Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/2820).  
(4) S.I. 1996/709, as amended by S.I. 1996/971 and 1996/2310.

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- (b) for the date “31st December 1996” which, by virtue of paragraphs (b) and (c)(i) of that article, has effect in articles 7 and 8 respectively of the 1985 Order, there shall be substituted the date “31st March 1997”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Wales

Welsh Office  
5th December 1996

*Gwilym Jones*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order further amends the Health Authorities Act 1995 (Transitional Provisions) Order 1996 (“the 1996 Order”) which makes transitional provision in connection with the abolition, by the Health Authorities Act 1995 on 1st April 1996, of Regional Health Authorities, District Health Authorities and Family Health Services Authorities, and the establishment under that Act of Health Authorities to exercise functions, principally on behalf of the Secretary of State, in relation to the National Health Service.

This Order further extends until 31st March 1997 the period during which certain persons who were members of Joint Consultative Committees in Wales (which are appointed under section 22 of the National Health Service Act 1977) on 31st March 1996 are to be given the opportunity to serve on such Committees, under the transitional arrangements made by the 1996 Order.